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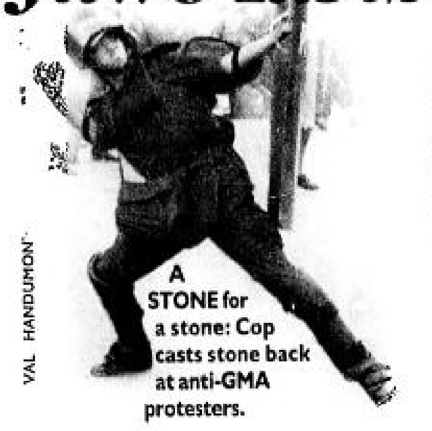

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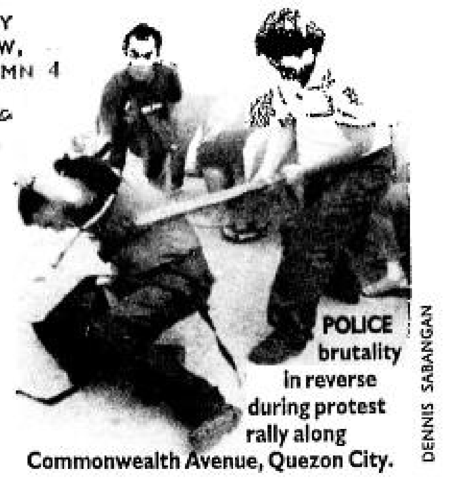

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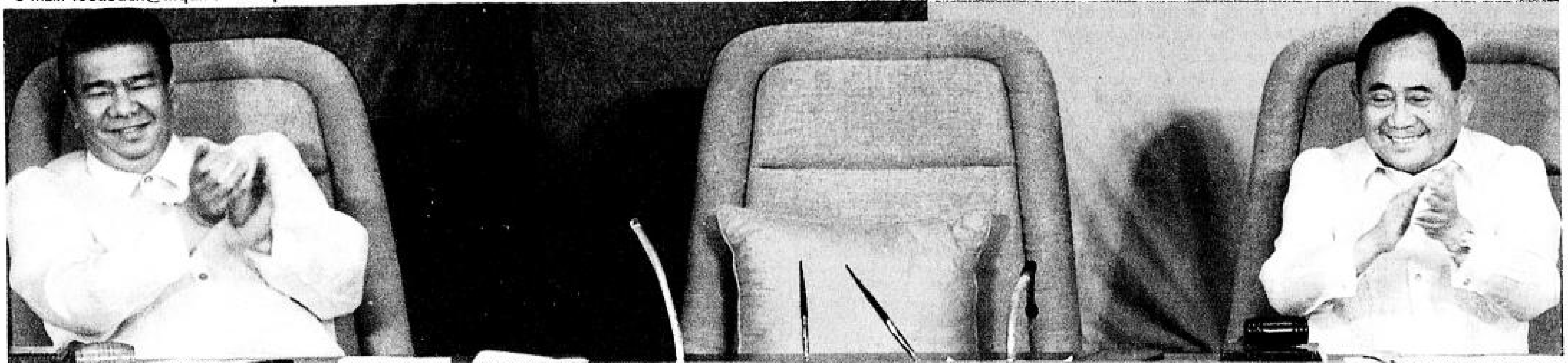

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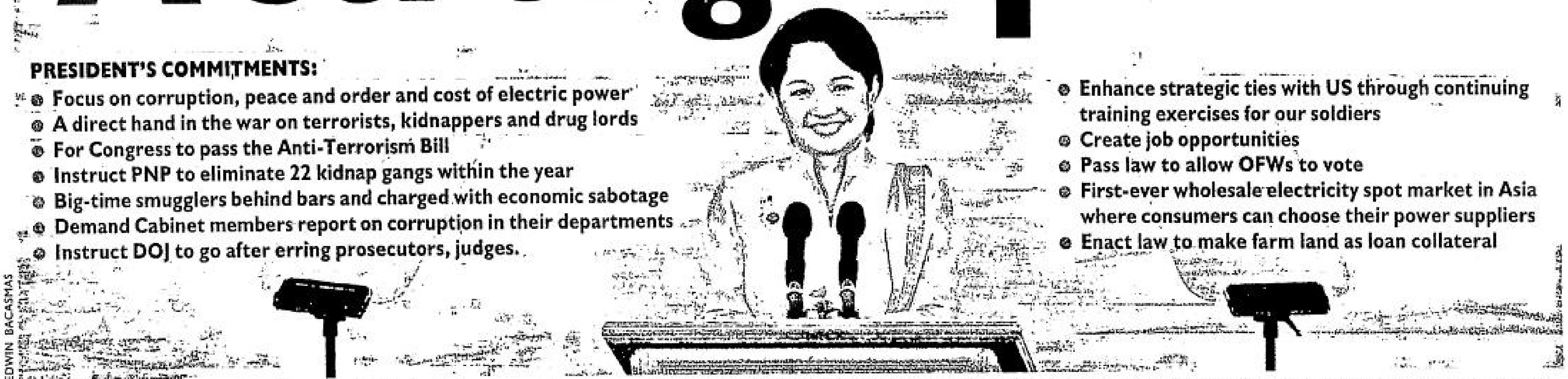

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- Demand Cabinet members report on corruption in their departments
- Instruct DOJ to go after erring prosecutors, judges.
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- Create job opportunities
- Pass law to allow OFWs to vote
- First-ever wholesale electricity spot market in Asia where consumers can choose their power suppliers
- Enact law to make farm land as loan collateral

EDWIN BACASMAS

BIGGEST applause during President Macapagal's 55-minute Sona comes when she says, "I cannot grow taller. But I can always get better." Senate President Franklin Drilon and House Speaker Jose de Venecia agree.

'Give finest stone' to build edifice, urges President

By Carlito Pablo and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday employed the gut symbol of *galunggong*, the so-called poor man's fish, to illustrate that her administration had kept food prices stable.

Speaking in Filipino, she said: "When I became President, the price of *galunggong* was P80 per kilo. Last week, I was able to buy *galunggong* in the market for only P60." That remark in her State of the Nation Address before the joint session of the 12th Congress elicited murmurs from the crowd.

But the bulk of the 55-minute speech interrupted 79 times by applause concerned the President's current battle cry of "a strong republic," which she said "takes care of the people and takes care of their future."

She also said a strong republic was "for the weak, the poor, the jobless, the hungry, the endangered, the aggrieved and the oppressed."

Ms Macapagal declared that "the immediate crises have been resolved," and that it had been 18 months "of putting out small fires and soothing hurt feelings" since People Power II.

"But now the time has come. Now we must devote ourselves entirely to taking more of those giant steps toward the achievement of the strong republic," she said.

Ms Macapagal rallied the people around the modest ideal of "a country as good as it can get," but said that "tough decisions" would have to be made before this could be achieved because avoiding them "may postpone the pain but only prolong the problem."

"I have made some of the toughest," she declared. "And I will make even more tough decisions in the year to come."

Apparently referring to her estranged political allies, she said she herself saw, "with some regret, the shards of broken friendships" scattered on the

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Militants see shades of Marcos in 'strong republic'

By Gerald G. Lacuarta and Alcuin Papa

MILITANT groups described President Macapagal-Arroyo's "strong republic" rhetoric as an indication of looming martial rule. ***(Rallies in Visayas, Mindanao, Northern and Southern Luzon, see Page A4).***

They also said that the accomplishments the President reported in her State of the National Address (Sona) were "all lies."

"The dictator (Ferdinand) Marcos also used the drive for prosperity as a rationale for 'strong governance' in his Bagong Lipunan (New Society)," said Teodoro Casiño, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan secretary general.

Rafael Mariano, chair of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP), said it was "a declaration of war, an iron fist against the people (except for) big landlords and *compradors* like (businessman Eduardo) Cojuangco."

"A fascist dictatorial rule will be the political foundation of Ms Macapagal's so-called strong republic," he said.

Mariano added that the "politically fragile" administration wanted the enactment of the anti-terrorism bill and similar 'militarist' measures to "establish an open fascist rule in the country" in the guise of fighting crime, terrorism and corruption.

Bayan Muna Rep. Liza Maza echoed this view, saying the President's "strong republic" would be anchored on measures such as the anti-terrorism bill as well as the Balikatan "war games."

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WorldCom files largest bankruptcy in US history

NEW YORK—Telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection, about a month after disclosing it had inflated profits by nearly $4 billion through deceptive accounting.

The bankruptcy—the largest in US history—is the latest in a stunning series of corporate collapses that have jarred investors, convulsed Wall Street, and alarmed lawmakers and regulators in Washington.

WorldCom chief executive John Sidgmore told The Associated Press on Sunday that his company had negotiated approximately $2 billion in financing while it reorganized.

The money will be used to pay vendors and operating expenses, pending approval from the bankruptcy court judge. The

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Cha-cha, economy top House agenda

By Juliet L. Javellana and Cynthia Balana

ECONOMIC measures and amendments to the Constitution which are "no longer debatable" but "inevitable" are among the priorities of the House of Representatives in its second regular session which opened yesterday.

In the Senate, the opening session lasted for only five minutes with Sen. Ramon Revilla reciting a prayer. Sen. Franklin Drilon dispensed with the roll call and proceeded to declare all 24 senators present.

In his opening remarks at the refurbished session hall where only 164 House members out of 218 were present, House Speaker Jose De Venecia said the economic measures include the restructuring of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to control

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ERIK ARAZAS

TWO IS ENOUGH

Or so Sen. Edgardo Angara could well be saying to defecting Senators Jaworski and Sotto at the Senate's five-minute opening session on Monday. *(Story on Page A16)*

8 opposition senators no-show at GMA Sona

By Christine Avendaño and Cynthia Balana

THE ADMINISTRATION'S newest recruit showed up, but eight opposition senators were conspicuously absent from President Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Address at the Batasang Pambansa.

Only three members of the Senate opposition—Edgardo Angara, Blas Ople and Rodolfo Biazon—attended the one-hour ceremony.

"*Baka na-trapik* (Maybe they were caught in traffic)," Angara told the INQUIRER. Biazon said the others might have had other engagements.

Administration senators present said they did not believe the opposition deliberately skipped the once-a-year event.

Sen. Renato Cayetano said it

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Jaworski fastbreak one 'last favor' to pa-in-law

By Rocky Nazareno and Cynthia Balana

IT WAS an ailing father-in-law's one "last favor."

Sen. Ramon Revilla admitted yesterday that he had asked his son-in-law Sen. Robert Jaworski to join the administration coalition as a personal request.

Revilla told reporters that Jaworski was "very instrumental" in facilitating the two operations he underwent at the Stanford University Medical Center in San Francisco, California.

"As a last favor from him, I asked him to consider moving to the administration to resolve what is happening to our Sen-

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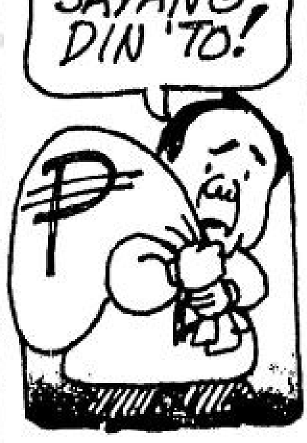

GSIS chief takes pay cut: Who's next?

WHILE most government employees are seeking pay increases, the head of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) wants to return more than

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Yanks pack it up; more Abus nabbed

By TJ Burgonio

ZAMBOANGA CITY—United States troops have begun packing up and loading their equipment onto a US Navy ship anchored off the southern Philippines, as the joint six-month anti-terror operation between the countries began winding down, a Filipino commander said.

Col. Alexander Aleo, Filipino commander on Basilan island, said US Navy engineers used a barge to ferry equipment to the USS Fort McHenry, which sailed into the Philippines on Sunday from Japan, according to the Agence France Presse.

Abus nabbed

As the Americans prepared to leave, Philippine police arrested two members of the Abu Sayyaf terror group suspected of taking being part in the bombing of a department store in General Santos City in April. Fifteen persons were killed and 61 others were wounded in that explosion.

Police identified those arrested as Abdulbasit Batabol Usman, alias Abu Ahmad, and Moamar Timbao Esmael. Usman was nabbed in his hideout in Ampatuan, Maguindanao, on Sunday, while Esmael was picked up while driving a car in Calumpang, General Santos City, on Monday.

Usman, 28, and Esmael, 25, are suspected accomplices of Mohammad Nur Umog, the alleged brains behind the bombing of the Fitmart mall in General Santos City as well as of its branch in Tacurong City in April, according to Senior Supt. Bartolome Baluyot, police director for Region XII.

Umog's group was reportedly involved in extortion activities in Central Mindanao. The bombings were purportedly carried out after the Fitmart owners refused to give money to the group.

Umog, also known as Abu Muslim al-Ghazie, is an Indonesian who has been sentenced to prison in Manila for his role in the bombing.

The US Navy engineers, known as Seabees, were among the 500 American troops who have been on Basilan since February to advise Filipino troops fighting the Abu Sayyaf and to rebuild the impoverished island's crumbling infrastructure.

"They started loading today and it would probably take three or more days to complete the task," Aleo told reporters.

The US participation in the operation officially ends on July 31.Sabaya question

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Aleo said the Seabees built artesian wells, bridges, roads and an airstrip.

"The projects have been finished and we are satisfied. This would mean instant access to remote areas not only by the military but by villagers," Aleo said.

Both Manila and Washington said the six-month operation was a success with the killing last month by Philippine troops of top Abu Sayyaf leader Abu Sabaya in the waters of Mantibog Point in Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte.

Sabaya was alleged to have jumped into the sea after being hit by automatic fire from Filipino soldiers who were tracking his movements with the aid of American surveillance equipment.

His body was never recovered, prompting speculation the wily Sabaya was still alive.

Yesterday, Filipino and American military officials dared former senator Ernesto Maceda to show proof that Sabaya was alive.

Maceda had claimed that US and Philippine forces had rushed to Zamboanga last week after reports surfaced that Sabaya was still alive.

"Let's see if he can produce Sabaya," Philippine Marines Col. Juancho Sabban, who was among those who planned Operation Daybreak that hunted down Sabaya, said.

Maj. Richard Sater, public affairs officer of Joint Task Force 510, said he was surprised by the report that Filipino and US forces had rushed to Zamboanga to look for Sabaya.

"I never heard anything like that. To my knowledge that is not true. I don't know where he (Maceda) is getting all this information," Sater told the INQUIRER.

AFP chief of staff Gen. Roy Cimatu said Maceda might have gotten his story from groups that were out to sow disinformation. "It's really a hoax," Cimatu said.

Doubts

But Basilan Bishop Martin Jumoad and Lamitan parish priest Fr. Cirilo Nacorda said they were inclined to believe Maceda's statement.

Nacorda said he was skeptical about the military's claim that Sabaya had been killed off Sibuco last month.

"If the military can produce his body, then I will believe it," Nacorda, twice a hostage of the Abu Sayyaf, said.

Bishop Jumoad said the people of Basilan also believe Sabaya is alive. "They should show his body so the public would believe their claim," Jumoad said.

Maceda had said he got his information from "US intelligence sources."

The military tried to look for Sabaya's body in the treacherous waters of Mantibog Point but called off the search on orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Staying behind

Colonel Aleo said some 100 US soldiers would remain behind on Basilan to continue to advise the Philippine military on its war on terror.

"I think some 100 US Special Forces will stay behind to assist us in our campaign against terrorism," he said.

Basilan is a stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf which has been linked by US and Philippine authorities to the al-Qaida network of international terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

The group was behind the kidnapping for ransom of foreigners and Filipinos in the southern Philippines, including the killing of American hostages Guillermo Sobero in 2000 and Martin Burnham last month. ***With Julie S. Alipala, Aquiles Z. Zonio and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and an AFP report***

Abalos admits ties to Photokina

By Blanche S. Rivera

COMMISSION on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos doesn't see "what all the fuss is about." Abalos yesterday confirmed a report that he stood as godfather to a scion of the Chua family which owns Photokina Marketing Corp. He also admitted that he lawyered for the family two decades ago.

Photokina leads a consortium that won in October 2000 the contract for the controversial P6.5-billion Voters Registration and Identification System (VRIS).

The validity of the contract was questioned before the Supreme Court by former Comelec chair Alfredo Benipayo. The VRIS was at the heart of disagreements between Benipayo and the other Comelec commissioners.

Abalos said he would not allow his social relations with politicians and stakeholders in any of the Comelec's multibillion-peso modernization projects, including the VRIS, to ruin his performance at the poll body.

"You mean just because of this, everything (I've done so far) goes to pieces now?" he said in a phone interview. "I think not."

Photokina spokesperson George Balagtas said the consortium was expected to present the project again to Abalos and the other commissioners, as soon as the Comelec wound up all business concerning the recent barangay and youth elections.

Abalos said that he had always been open about his links to the Chuas, and that he did not see the need to inform Malacañang about it prior to his appointment to the Comelec.

"I didn't even know I would be appointed," Abalos said. "And in fairness to the Chuas, they have not brought up the subject (of VRIS with me)." In fact, he said, he had not seen them since he assumed the top Comelec post last month.

Besides, Abalos said, the VRIS project was out of his hands. "If the Supreme Court tells us to proceed, we will proceed."

Balagtas echoed this view and said even his bosses were not worried. "We're just businessmen who are standing up for what we believe are our legal rights," Balagtas said.

Abalos also defended the Comelec's acquisition, in his first month as chairman, of seven brand-new cars worth P1.2 million each for the commissioners. This may not have raised brows, if the commissioners hadn't already been issued two to four vehicles each, including Grandias, Chevrolet Ventures and Mitsubishi Stratas.

He said this was because the vehicles assigned to the commissioners were already "dilapidated." However, a source said the Comelec officials' previous vehicles were bought only during the term of chair Harriet Demetriou, who served from January 1999 to February 2001.

The commissioners are allowed a maximum of three official vehicles each for the duration of their terms.

Abalos' impartiality and effectiveness as poll body chief is being questioned by critics, on account of his being a politician perceived to be loyal to the administration.

'Juan' death toll rises to 9; diarrhea kills 10 in Metro Manila

NINE persons have died as a result of tropical depression "Juan," the National Disaster Coordinating Council said yesterday.

The death figure rose after three persons, including a 7-year-old, were electrocuted in Hermosa, Bataan.

The three latest fatalities were identified as Wilfredo Dayo, 36; Helen Dayo, 30, and Darlive Dayo, 7. A fourth victim, Darwin Dayo, 9, was reported injured in the incident which occurred on July 21.

As of yesterday, the casualty figures in the aftermath of Juan stood at nine dead, one missing and one injured.

Aside from the Dayos, the other fatalities were three persons who died in a landslide in San Pablo City and three others who drowned in Caloocan and Las Piñas cities. The missing person was reported in Parañaque City.

The casualty report came as a second tropical storm called "Kaka" entered the Philippine area of responsibility yesterday.

Indirectly, Juan and the recent rains and typhoons were responsible for at least 10 deaths due to acute diarrhea, the Department of Health reported.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said floods and leaking water pipes contaminated the water system in Metro Manila, causing illness to 442 persons who were admitted to the San Lazaro Hospital as of July 6.

"Acute diarrhea becomes common during the rainy season because our water system gets contaminated due to the floods," Dayrit said.

He said most of the cases occurred in Manila, Caloocan and Malabon, affecting people from 10 months to 84 years in age.

Dayrit advised the people to cook their food thoroughly and report all leaking pipes to water authorities.

Diarrhea is watery stools occurring more than three times a day and often accompanied by vomiting and dehydration.

Symptoms of dehydration are sunken eyeballs and the "fontanel" in children, dry lips, excessive thirst and poor skin color.

The disease is a symptom of an infection caused by different bacterial, viral and parasitic agents. It is acquired by ingestion of food and water contaminated with the feces of an infected person. ***Martin P. Marfil and Armand Nocum***

Justice starts formal probe of actress' murder case

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE JUSTICE department began yesterday its reinvestigation of the criminal charges against Rod Strunk, Philip Medel Jr. and six others in connection with the murder of actress Nida Blanca.

Justice Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee announced the formal start of the preliminary investigation at a press briefing yesterday afternoon.

"Today, July 22, Acting Justice Secretary Merceditas Gutierrez officially named the panel to investigate the Nida Blanca case. The records of the case are already with the panel," Teehankee said.

Gutierrez, who assumed the helm at the DOJ while Justice Secretary Hernando Perez is out of the country, designated Senior State Prosecutor Archimedez Manabat as panel chair, with State Prosecutors Aida Macapagal and Mark Jalandoni as members.

Teehankee said the DOJ has officially turned over to the panel the files provided by the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine National Police.

"And we expect very soon that subpoenas will be issued to the relevant parties," Teehankee said.

The NBI and PNP re-implicated Strunk and Medel in the Blanca murder last week. Strunk was charged with parricide, while Medel, who allegedly carried out the gruesome killing, was charged with murder.

Three security guards of the Atlanta Center building on Annapolis St. in Greenhills, San Juan, and several John and Jane Does were also charged in the case.

Teehankee said that although Medel recanted his initial confession during a DOJ preliminary investigation in November last year, this would not necessarily render his original statement made under oath useless.

"I was quoted as saying that the recanted admission might weaken the Blanca case. But allow me to clarify that by stating the general rule which is that sworn statements and affidavits have probative value, but the rule is that recantations could weaken the credibility of a witness," Teehankee said.

"This would not in any manner affect the viability of the evidence if there are other circumstances and pieces of evidence that support the original statement," he said.

Anti-Marcos heroes wanted

THE BANTAYOG ng mga Bayani Foundation is inviting nominations to the "Wall of Remembrance," a granite wall in Bantayog Park, Quezon City, on which is inscribed the names of individuals who died in the course of resisting the Marcos dictatorship from 1972 to 1986.

The wall currently has 101 names of persons from all over the country and from all walks of life, who lost their lives during the martial law regime. Bantayog Park is located along Quezon Avenue near the corner of Edsa.

The foundation keeps alive the memory of those who perished under the dictatorship by inviting their relatives and friends to submit their names and give details of their sacrifices and contributions to the struggle. Nominees are honored on Bonifacio Day, Nov 30.

A Bantayog committee evaluates the nominations every year. Deadline for submission of nominations is Aug. 31. For more information and nomination forms, call Thelma Arceo or Cathy Abrazado at tel. nos. 534-5868 and 534-5889 or email [illegible]

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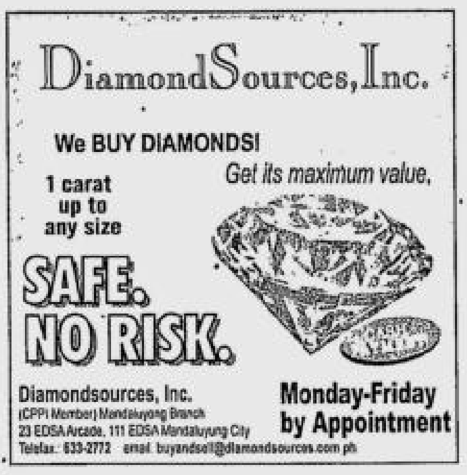
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Task force to speed up probe of drug cases

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE JUSTICE department created yesterday an anti-drugs task force mandated to complete the investigation of drug cases within 30 days.

Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee, DOJ spokesperson, said the task force was formed following the creation of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, as mandated by Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

"Assistant Chief State Prosecutor Leonardo Guiyab Jr. has been designated to head the new task force," Teehankee said.

Teehankee announced the creation of the task force after President Macapagal-Arroyo asked opposition Sen. Vicente Sotto III to "oversee" the creation of a new Dangerous Drugs Board.

The President said the offer to Sotto had nothing to do with attempts to break the impasse at the Senate. Sotto belongs to the opposition, which seized control of the Senate from the administration bloc last month.

Asked to clarify Sotto's new position, Teehankee said: "It's purely a consultative position and it will not prejudice his activities as a senator of the Republic."

Teehankee told reporters the new task force, which has 22 members, would treat all drug cases "on a priority basis and will be given 30 days to complete the preliminary investigation."

He said that at present the resolution of drug cases being handled by government prosecutors takes two to three months.

Gloria names 7 new generals

By Martin P. Marfil

THE ARMED Forces has seven new generals, including the chief of the Presidential Security Group (PSG).

President Macapagal-Arroyo promoted the PSG's Col. Hermogenes Esperon and five other senior colonels and a navy captain: Romeo Tolentino and Orlando Ambrocio of the Army; Raul Perez and Ralph Flores of the Air Force; Renato Miranda of the Marines, and Capt. Jorge Necesito of the Philippine Navy.

Esperon is a member of PMA Class '74 as is Tolentino, who heads the 104th Infantry Brigade based in Jolo, Sulu.

Miranda, also of PMA Class '74, heads the 2nd Marine Brigade based in Maguindanao. Ambrocio, of PMA Class '72, heads the Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Perez is Air Force Inspector General while Flores, of PMA Class '71, heads the PAF's 710th Special Operations Wing based at Clark Field, Pampanga.

Necesito, of PMA Class '73, is chief of the Naval Staff.

At the same time, Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, of PMA Class '70, was given a third star. Brigadier Generals Alberto Fernando Braganza, Reynaldo Alcasid and Efren Abu—all heads of division—were given their second stars, making them major generals.

Braganza was the President's senior military aide. He was directly commissioned in 1970 and heads the Army's 7th Division. Alcasid, of PMA Class '71, heads the third division, and Abu, of PMA Class '72, is chief of the 2nd Division.

RP to host Asean IT meet

THE PHILIPPINES will host this year's Second Asean Telecommunications Ministers (Telmin) meeting to be attended by the telecoms and IT ministers of all the Asean member countries.

"This is the first time the Philippines will host the event which will be rotated among the 10 Asean nations annually," said newly appointed Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro R. Mendoza.

A local steering committee has been created, chaired by Transportation and Communications Undersecretary Agustin R. Bengzon, to prepare for the conference.

"From all indications, the response has been very positive to the invitations the DOTC has sent to all the Asean ministers of communications," Bengzon said.

"Preparations are in high gear," he added. "Meetings of the different working committees are being held weekly to insure the success of the event."

Highlight of the conference will be the signing of the Manila Declaration forged by the Asean ministers.

Prior to the three-day conference, the Third Telecommunications Senior Officials (Telsom) meeting will be held on Aug. 23-24.

This meeting will be attended by the deputy ministers, undersecretaries and other senior IT officials of the Asean nations who will draft the Manila Declaration.

The Telsom delegates will also consult with the US-Asean Business Council and the Japan-Asean Business Council on Aug. 26.

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Protesters say GMA described 'another world' in Sona

AT LEAST 5,300 members of militant groups held separate rallies in the cities of Cebu, Bacolod and Iloilo to present the "real state" of the nation.

Some 2,000 protesters in Iloilo led by the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) marched from the Jaro and Molo District plazas to the grounds of the Iloilo Rotary Amphitheater for a rally.

Among them were 200 members of the farmers' group Pamanggas who came with pesticide sprayers, which they said were meant for the President, whom they called the "*Anay* (termite) Queen."

Jeffrey Celiz, chair of Bayan-Panay, said the President described "another world" in her State of the Nation Address.

"Ask average Filipinos and they will tell you that their lives have worsened under the present administration," he said.

The protesters held a musical comedy featuring "Anay Queen" and "Juan Bayan," who represented the people.

In Bacolod, the 2,000 Sanlakas members started their protest action with a noise barrage at the Provincial Administration Center on Gatuslao Extension Street at about 1:30 p.m. They later proceeded to the Welcome Rotunda on Gatuslao Street.

About the same time, some 500 Bayan members marched through the streets of Bacolod with a giant termite that bore the face of Ms Macapagal to mark what they called a "national day of protest against the national pest."

They then held a rally at the Fountain of Justice on Araneta Street, about 600 meters from where the Sanlakas members were holding their own protest action. ***Reports from Nestor P. Burgos Jr., Carla P. Gomez and Joy de la Peña, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Mandaya lumads back Gloria

MANDAYA *lumads* converged at the provincial capitol in Mati, Davao Oriental, to express their support for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Lawyer Alejandro Aquino, adviser of a large lumad organization, said the Mandayas were thankful "as she is the first President of the republic to have appointed a Mandaya *lumad* as commissioner of the National Commission for the Indigenous Peoples."

Norma Gonos, a Mandaya lumad, was recently named NCIP commissioner.

But the *lumads* urged the President to protect their ancestral lands from exploitation by multinational mining companies. They also called on Ms Macapagal to stop using them in the government's counter-insurgency drive.

The *lumads* said that fighting rebellion was not the job of the indigenous peoples. Instead, the Mandayas urged the President to put up schools and farm-to-market roads so as to help alleviate their poverty.

While the *lumads* were converging at the capitol, members of militant organizations took to the streets to denounce the "dismal failure of the administration in delivering its promises to the Filipino people."

In Davao City, some 5,000 protesters flocked to the Rizal Park where a "People's Court" tried the President. After listening to anti-Macapagal statements, the protesters issued their verdict: Oust Ms Macapagal.

Felix Irag, secretary general of the Kilusang Mayo Uno in Southern Mindanao, said the President was responsible for widespread unemployment and declining value of workers' wages for her refusal to increase salaries.

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He also said that the President was guilty of pursuing the policy of trade liberalization and privatization even as these had resulted in the closure of several companies.

Irag said the President's promise of a million jobs was not fulfilled.

For his part, Joel Virador, spokesperson of Bayan Muna-Southern Mindanao, said that under the Ms Macapagal administration about 12 cases of human rights violations were recorded each week nationwide. ***Reports by Ferdinand O. Zuasola, Anthony S. Allada, Joel B. Escovilla, Ayan C. Mellejor and Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Baguio marchers sing 'Stupid Love'

SOME 100 protesters performed a "dragon dance" in Baguio City using a giant cardboard termite with the President's head to symbolize their disgust over her failed promises.

They carried a giant paper boat on which Ms Macapagal's effigy was placed.

The protesters also carried "paper waves" scribbled with issues like poverty, criminality, high electricity cost, Balikatan exercises and human rights violations to remind the President that she failed to address them.

They even sang "S2pid President" to the tune of the popular rap song "Stupid Love" to tell the President that she did not keep her promises.

Jun Espejo, secretary general of the Kilusang Mayo Uno-Cordillera said, his group gave Ms Macapagal a "poor" mark because of her failure to address the workers' clamor for higher wages.

In Quezon City, seven members of militant groups from Southern Tagalog who joined the protest rally at the vicinity of the Batasang Pambansa were arrested by police.

Bani Cambronero, regional coordinator of Bayan Muna in Southern Tagalog, identified one of them as Francisco Caisip, secretary general of the Pamalakaya-Southern Tagalog.

Fr. Jose Dizon of Plunder Watch said there were things that the President lied about. "*Galunggong* costs P120 per kilo, not P60 as she claimed in her Sona," he said.

But Fr. Gerry Bitoon, rector of a college seminary in San Pablo City, said that, "in this season of collective discontent and despair, we need to hear the rallying cry for a strong republic."

"She (the President) enumerated doable and specific agenda. She sounded tough (determined)," Bitoon said. ***Reports from Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

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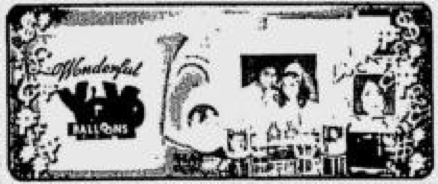

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Militants see shades of Marcos in 'strong republic'

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She noted that the bill was seeking the creation of an anti-terrorism superbody authorized to intercept communication and text messages and to inquire into and freeze financial accounts and properties of suspected terrorists.

"This 'strong republic' is Ms Macapagal's 2004 election security blanket," Maza said.

The militant group Sanlakas said the administration was strong only in breaking its promises.

"To the workers and the poor, Ms Macapagal has delivered nothing but the scourge of globalization and its policies of liberalization, deregulation and privatization that left the economy in shambles," Sanlakas president Wilson Fortaleza said.

Fortaleza, Maza, Mariano and Casiño were among the thousands of protesters who gathered on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City to present their alternative Sona.

Urban poor leader Carmen "Nanay Mameng" Deunida, 74, delivered a 15-minute speech titled "The True State of the Nation of the Filipino Masses," which ended with a call for Ms Macapagal's removal from office.

She took Ms Macapagal to task for betraying the cause of People Power II—good governance and meaningful change in Philippine society.

A line of anti-riot policemen confined the protesters led by Bayan to Commonwealth's southbound lane on the approach to the Sandiganbayan building.

Farther back on the same lane, pro-Estrada groups led by the People's Movement Against Poverty (PMAP) occupied the area near the Ever Gotesco mall.

Rap group Salbakuta

At the rally, the mood was strictly militant, if not a little festive with some groups venting their frustrations with the Macapagal administration in the form of rap songs, one of which was a popular song of local rap group Salbakuta.

But the festive mood changed later in the day as anti-riot police clashed with members of Bayan and its affiliate groups. The clash left six people injured, including two policemen, and 11 people arrested.

First to converge at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Batasan Road were Bisig, Akbayan and the Movement for the Advancement of Student Power. At around 10 a.m., groups from Bayan Muna, Kilusang Mayo Uno, Gabriela, League of Filipino Students and Courage arrived.

Leaders of these groups took to their makeshift stage on a 10-wheel truck and denounced the President for her alleged failure to uplift the lives of the masses.

"She said she has created a lot of jobs. But where is the impact of this? She has a lot of unfulfilled promises from Edsa II," Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said in Filipino.

Later, an effigy of the President with the body of a termite was burned. It represented the "real pest of society" that is the President, according to Bayan.

The protesters also denounced the incursion of US troops into the country, the power purchase adjustment and violations of human rights committed by police and the military.

"The President's peace and order campaign was no less than an attack against political activists and members of legitimate people's organizations," Bayan said in a statement.

Rep. Crispin Beltran of Bayan Muna called the President's Sona all "rhetoric and lies."

Moro contingent

A contingent from the Moro-Christian People's Alliance said the President's support for the US war on terror was "an attack on Islam."

"Any Muslim can be arrested," said Abdullah Yusuf Ledesma. He said the crackdown on so-called terrorists linked to the al-Qaida network had led to arrests of seven converts in a Pangasinan Islamic school last May, prompting rallies of Muslims in Metro Manila in the past months.

Ledesma said the Pangasinan *madrasa* was not a training camp for terrorists as alleged by the police. "The firearms found in the school were licensed," he said.

At around noon, groups allied with former President Joseph Estrada led by PMAP arrived and held their own program.

A few meters away from the Bayan contingent, a small group of out-of-school youth held a program to thank the President for helping them.

Police estimated the total number of protesters at 7,000 people.

Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor, Central Police District director, said there were about 2,000 anti-riot policemen deployed at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Batasan Road leading to the House of Representatives where Ms Macapagal delivered her Sona.

Melee

At around 3:50 p.m., just as the program of the leftist groups were winding down, they tried to march on the House of Representatives. Anti-riot policemen blocked them.

As the protesters began removing the barriers between them and the police, anti-riot policemen armed with truncheons charged and beat some of the protesters.

Water hoses were also used to push the protesters back as stones began to fly from both sides.

Police arrested 11 people who they said were hurling stones. They were identified as Lito Balinia, Dondie Feri, Perlito Galentes, Tito Caisip, Jun Ballastas, Guillermo Laurente, Joel Palangkos, Crisanto Belaro, Norman Ferrer, Randy Baga and Rosendo Tato.

Romel Quizon, a lawyer from the Public Interest Law Office, tried to intercede but figured in a short shouting match with officials of the Central Police District. Later, he and the 11 arrested were brought to the Batasan police station.

Six injured people, including two policemen, were brought to a hospital.

Deputy Director Edgar Aglipay, National Capital Region Police Office chief, told reporters that charges of grave physical injuries would be filed against those arrested.

By 5:30 p.m., the groups started to disperse and traffic went back to normal. ***With reports from Agnes Donato and Volt Contreras***

GSIS chief takes pay cut: Who's next?

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P700,000 in "excess salary" to the government.

But Winston Garcia, GSIS president and general manager, is ready to remit the amount to the finance department not out of altruism.

Garcia is returning the money to comply with Memorandum Order No. 10 directing executives of government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) and government financial institutions (GFIs) to cut their excessive salaries and benefits.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said in June last year that she issued the order because she did not want senior executives of GOCCs and GFIs to continue receiving fat salaries and benefits in the face of widespread poverty in the country.

These senior officers were receiving salaries and benefits nine to 11 times bigger than their counterparts in the national government agencies and in the private sector.

"As far as I'm concerned, I've complied with MO 10. I have been deducting about P56,000 from my monthly salary to approximate the recommendation of the memorandum. I am ready to remit more than P700,000," Garcia said.

He did not say how much he was being paid. But the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) had found that Garcia was getting a total of P6.5 million a year. In the entire government bureaucracy, he gets the biggest pay of P4.282 million.

Garcia had initially resisted taking a salary cut, saying that salaries of top GSIS executives and managers could not be reduced by a mere order from Ms Macapagal.

He said last year that the GSIS was governed by its own charter and that it had a board of directors as its policy-making body.

Garcia finally relented when the President told senior executives of GOCCS and GFIs to resign or be fired if they disregarded her order for a cut in salaries.

Garcia said he had written Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho last week to inquire where to remit his pay cut. Camacho is on a three-week vacation. He will be arriving late this month.

GARCIA

Garcia said the memorandum allowed heads of GOCCs to receive salaries twice those of their counterparts in regular government agencies.

He said his ranking was equivalent to a department secretary earning about P78,000 a month. Twice that amount is P156,000, the salary that he has been bringing home, according to Garcia.

He said he was deducting almost P60,000 a month from what his predecessor used to get.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin said she would ask the GOCCS to report whether they had complied with the memorandum.

Boncodin said that she met last week with Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo and Dario Rama, chair of the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, to discuss compliance with the memorandum by the GOCCS and GFIs.

"I will officially write the 15 GOCCs to ask them to submit a compliance report by the end of the month," the budget secretary said.

Other GFIs and GOCCs providing fat salaries to their executives are the Social Security System, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, National Power Corp., Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines and Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp.

"If the government agencies do not cooperate and fail to give me the report, I will ask the Commission on Audit to provide me a report," Boncodin said.

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Chavit tracks 'jueteng' payments

HIS "juetengate" testimony in full swing at the Sandiganbayan, former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson again dragged several prominent personalities into the controversy.

These included former first lady Luisa "Loi" Ejercito and her sons Jinggoy and Jude, businessman William Gatchalian, Senators Tessie Aquino-Oreta and John Osmeña, former presidential spokesperson Jerry Barican, and former Presidential Management Staff chief Lenny de Jesus.

Their names cropped up yesterday as Singson gave details of ousted President Joseph Estrada's alleged "jueteng" payola "ledger."

On his second day on the stand, Singson admitted he was the custodian of the ex-president's monthly take from jueteng operators nationwide.

Singson said he kept some of the money in his Metrobank account and some in his office, and that he personally delivered collections to Estrada, "in check or cash," on a regular basis.

Estrada—codenamed "Asiong Salonga" in the ledger—got from P3 million to P5 million per delivery, Singson said. The plunder charge accuses the deposed president of accumulating at least P540 million in jueteng payoffs from November 1998 to August 2000, a period of 22 months.

In the process of explaining other entries in the ledger, Singson named members of Estrada's family and friends. ***Volt Contreras***

CBCP: Abusive priests need understanding, too

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Pedophile and sexually abusive priests need as much help, understanding and compassion as their victims.

This is the premise behind a set of rules that the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is in the process of putting together, to deal with priests involved in sex scandals.

Bishop Romulo Valles of the Diocese of Kidapawan said the CBCP drafted the protocol during its assembly in Tagaytay City from July 1 to 8.

Conceding that sexual misconduct was "despicable," Valles stressed that the bishops meant to draw up rules to address the situation in a "very prudent, charitable and responsible way."

Valles said copies of the protocol, which is still in its second draft, have been sent to dioceses and parishes all over the country. He said the CBCP wanted suggestions on guidelines for implementation.

"The conference needs ample time to formulate these guidelines," Valles said. Already, he revealed, the CBCP has enlisted the help of a retired Regional Trial Court judge and a psychologist. ***Jeffrey M. Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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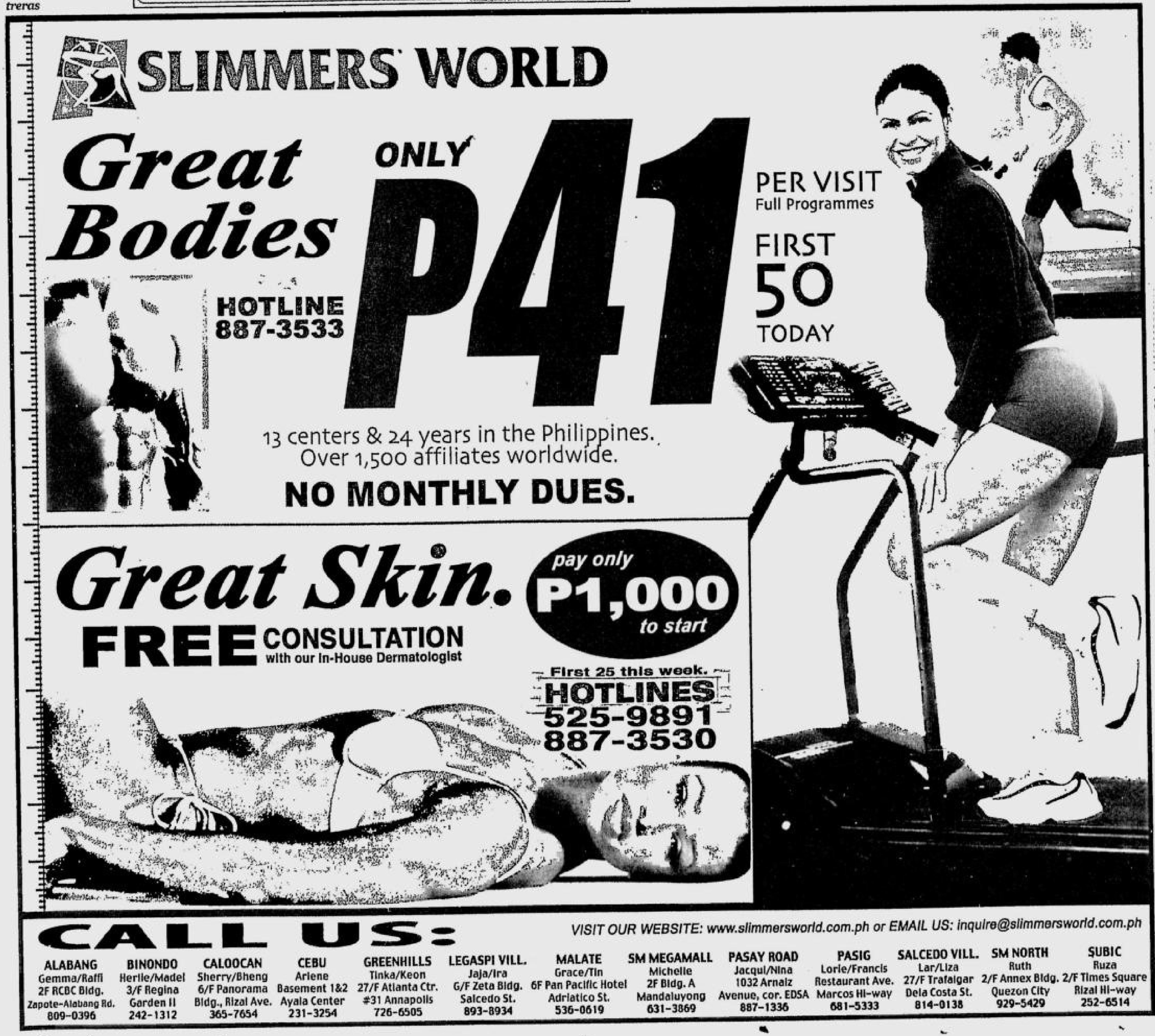
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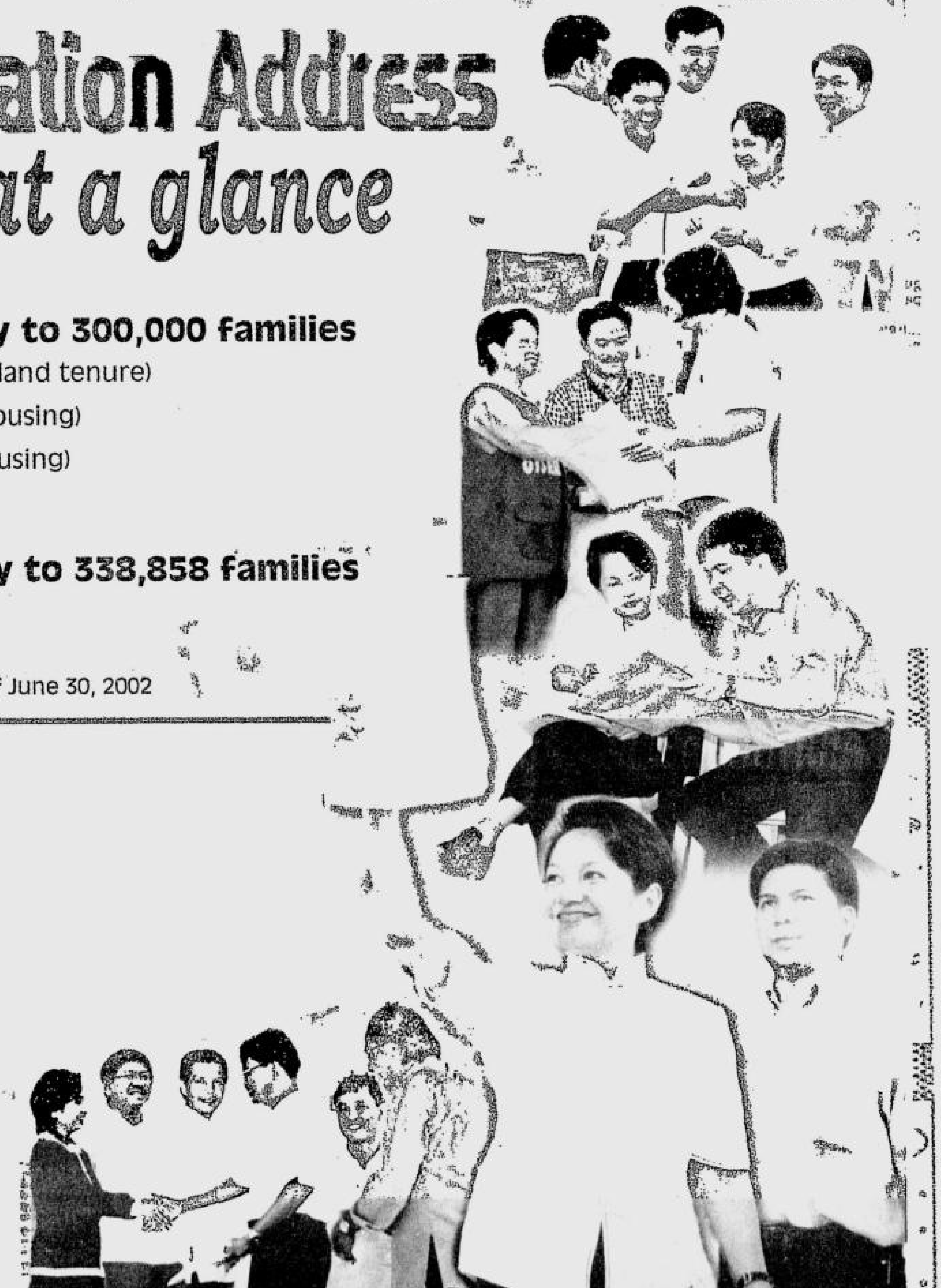

WorldCom files largest bankruptcy

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company hopes to emerge from bankruptcy in 12 months.

Sidgmore said the bankruptcy should have no effect on the company's customers—from long-distance users to corporate data users.

"At the end of the day, this really will be business as usual," he said. "We don't think that there will be any significant impact on the employees and vendors, for that matter, and we should have plenty of cash to make it."

Michael K. Powell, chair of the Federal Communications Commission, echoed Sidgmore's comments.

"While I am deeply concerned by this development, I want to assure the public that we do not believe this bankruptcy filing will lead to an immediate disruption of service to consumers or threaten the operation of WorldCom's Internet backbone facilities," Powell said.

Drake Johnstone, a telecom analyst with Davenport & Co. in Richmond, Virginia, said the banks providing the new money were hoping that WorldCom would be able to emerge from Chapter 11 as a viable enterprise.

The infusion of cash includes $750 million from Citibank N.A., JP Morgan Chase Bank and General Electric Capital Corp.

"My concern with that scenario is it's unclear what other surprises WorldCom has in store," Johnstone said.

"The (internal) audit is not complete. At this point we don't know how much revenue or cash flow the company has."

Sidgmore said the company would look into selling some of its peripheral businesses, but not key franchises like MCI or UUNET. MCI is the company's core long-distance business; UUNET is a major Internet player.

No disruptions

Despite the bankruptcy, no immediate disruptions are expected for WorldCom's millions of MCI long-distance customers or at UUNET, which accounts for 29 percent of the capacity on the nation's busiest Web routes.

Sidgmore said the bankruptcy would not include the company's international operations.

The collapse of WorldCom follows costly scandals at other big-name companies, including Adelphia Communications, Global Crossing and Enron, all of which have filed for bankruptcy as they attempt to pay creditors and reorganize their businesses.

The bankruptcy would be twice as large as Enron's record-setting filing in December and four times as big as Global Crossing's in January.

In its filing, WorldCom reported more than $107 billion in assets but said its liabilities total more than $65 billion.

Among the creditors listed in the filing are bondholders J.P. Morgan Trust Co., which has an unsecured claim of $17.2 billion; Mellon Bank, N.A., with a claim of $6.6 billion; and CitiBank, with a claim of nearly $3.3 billion.

Sidgmore said WorldCom was cooperating with investigators to "help them find the bad guys, punish the bad guys and leave the company alone."

WorldCom admitted on June 25 that it had falsely booked $3.85 billion in expenses to make it appear more profitable.

The same day, it fired chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, who was later accused by company auditor Arthur Andersen of withholding crucial information about WorldCom's bookkeeping.

17,000 laid off

Clinton, Mississippi-based WorldCom also announced that it would lay off 17,000 workers, or 20 percent of its global work force.

Even before the hidden expenses were exposed, WorldCom was struggling. Its stock price traded as high as $64.50 in mid-1999. But shares of WorldCom and other telecommunications companies have slid ever since as the dot-com bubble burst and other market forces caused an industrywide implosion.

As of Friday, a WorldCom share could be had for 9 cents.

The high-speed Internet infrastructure that telecom companies built—and hyped—throughout the late 1990s lost much of its value almost overnight once it became apparent there was little consumer demand for the services being offered over so-called broadband networks.

The sector has also been pounded by falling rates and by growing competition from local Baby Bells that have received federal permission to hone in on the market.

Long-distance carriers such as WorldCom's MCI are also losing business as customers gravitate toward e-mail and cell phones.

In March, the SEC launched a wide-ranging investigation of WorldCom that included a review of $408 million in loans made to former chief executive Bernie Ebbers. WorldCom stockholders sued the company's board over those loans.

A month later, Ebbers resigned amid mounting questions about the loans and the financial health of the company he founded in 1983. Sidgmore replaced him.

SEC probe

SEC investigators also focused on disputed customer bills, sales commissions and the value of contracts between WorldCom and customers no longer deemed financially viable.

Major credit agencies eventually cut WorldCom's long-term debt rating to junk status, and in June the SEC filed fraud charges against the company.

WorldCom has been in talks to raise $3 billion in financing.

Last week, the company reached with creditors an agreement that prevents the company from selling any of its subsidiaries until October.

Earlier this month, a much smaller communications company, IDT Corp., announced an unsolicited $5-billion bid to buy WorldCom's MCI long-distance business and other assets.

MCI, the nation's second largest consumer long-distance provider after AT&T Corp., was acquired by WorldCom in 1998.

WorldCom grew from a small long-distance company in Mississippi into a telecommunications force through more than 60 acquisitions over 15 years.

The expansion ceased abruptly, though, in 2000, when American and European regulators blocked WorldCom's proposed $129-billion merger with Sprint. Regulators contended that the merger would have left millions of Americans paying more for Internet and long-distance services.

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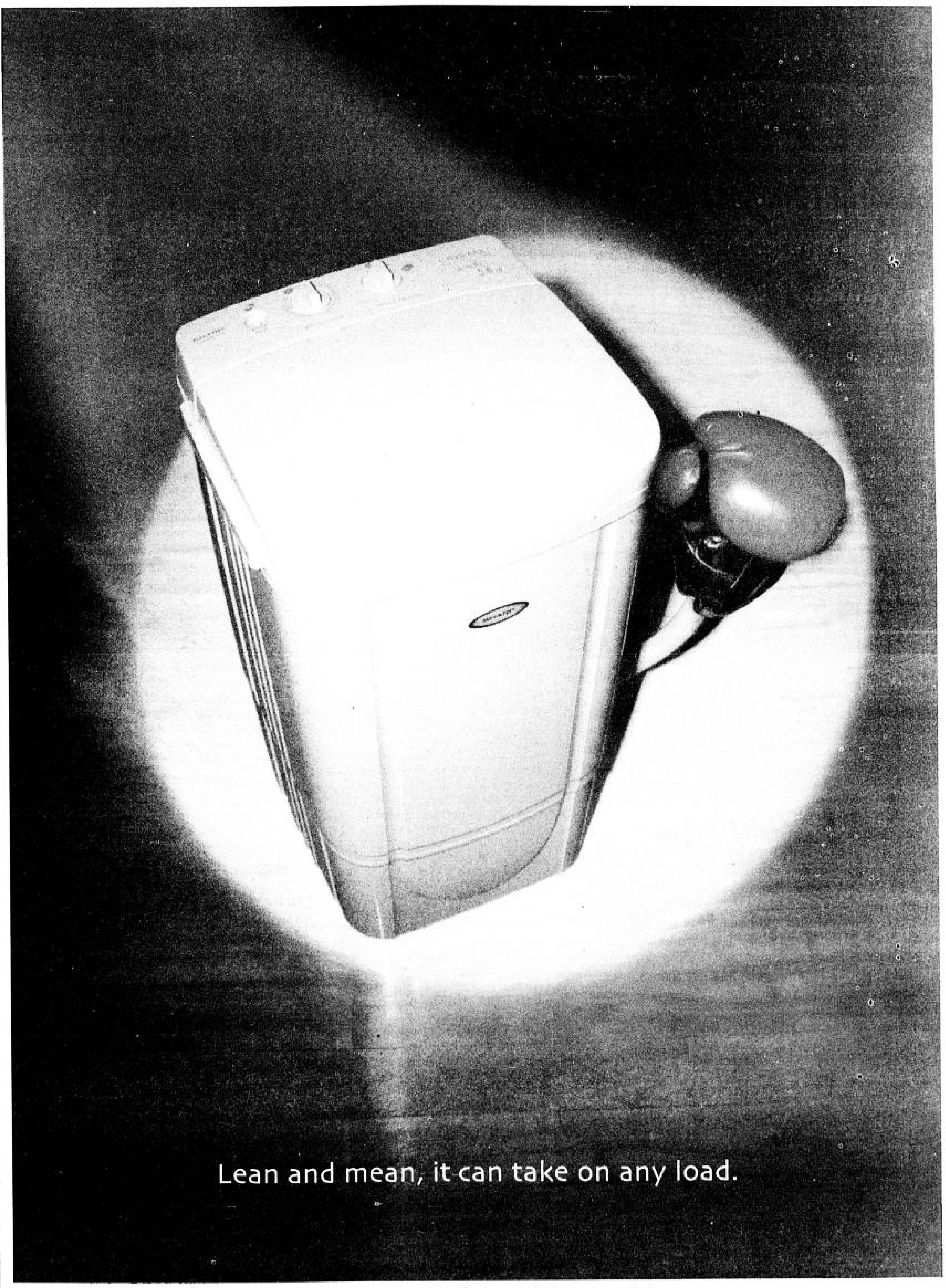

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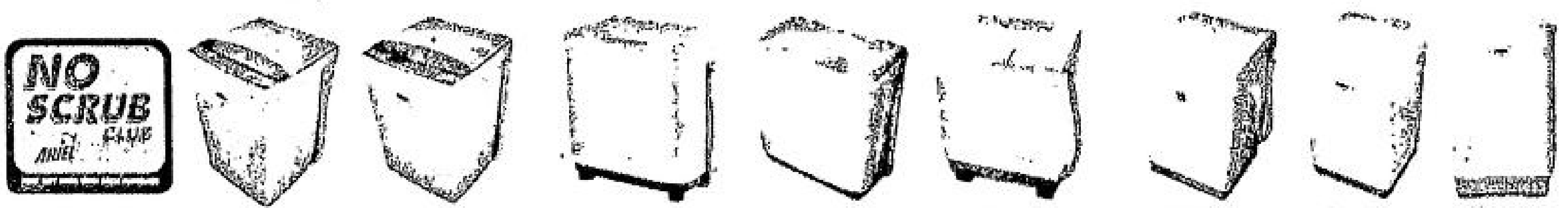

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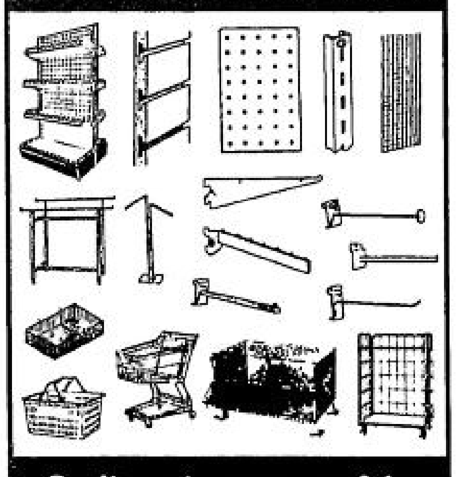

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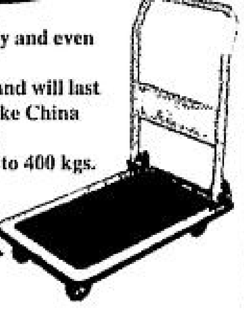

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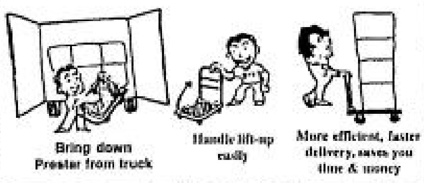

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End to paralysis

EDITORIALS

FINALLY, the Senate deadlock has been broken. Sen. Robert Jaworski, a former basketball star, had to change courts to bring about an end to the paralysis in the Senate. We don't know what his real reasons were for moving over to the administration side, but looking at this development from the pragmatic point of view, we are glad that the impasse has been resolved.

With the nation facing a host of problems and with people getting disillusioned with the workings of a democracy, we can ill afford to have a Senate that is caught in the grip of political paralysis. Important measures cannot be enacted into law unless the Senate acts on them. An opposition-controlled Senate can be expected to make it hard for the administration to pass its pet measures.

With the administration now enjoying a clear majority, the way is clear for the passage of the administration's vital measures. Still we hope that this will not mean the operation of a senatorial "railroad." We trust that all the senators—both in the majority and the minority—will continue to consider all bills with a critical eye.

What are the other implications of the return of the Senate to administration control? For one, there is no longer any pressure on President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to appoint Sen. Blas Ople as foreign secretary. Admittedly, Ople has the name and the experience, but there are other candidates who are eminently qualified for the position. There's former Sen. Leticia Shahani, a former career ambassador who once held the position of undersecretary. Among the younger ones, there are Ambassador Rodolfo Severino, secretary general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, former Ambassador to Washington Raul Ch. Rabe and Ambassador to the United Kingdom Cesar Bautista. Anyone among them can fill the post with distinction, and they can infuse young blood into the foreign service.

Another appointment that may no longer be necessary is that of Sen. Vicente Sotto as anti-drug czar. Legal luminaries have expressed concern that Sotto's appointment to a post that involves the exercise of executive powers may violate the Constitution. To avoid facing a legal question, it might be best to appoint another person, not a legislator, to the position.

Then there is talk that the President promised Jaworski and the Revillas that Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. would be included in the administration's senatorial ticket in 2004. We hope this is not true. We already have too many entertainment people in the Senate.

We hope that with the impasse ended, the senators will buckle down to work and stop their politicking. The Senate has been called a chamber composed of 24 presidential aspirants. We hope, for the sake of the country, that the senators will forget their ambitions for the moment, set partisan considerations aside and work on legislation that will promote the national interest.

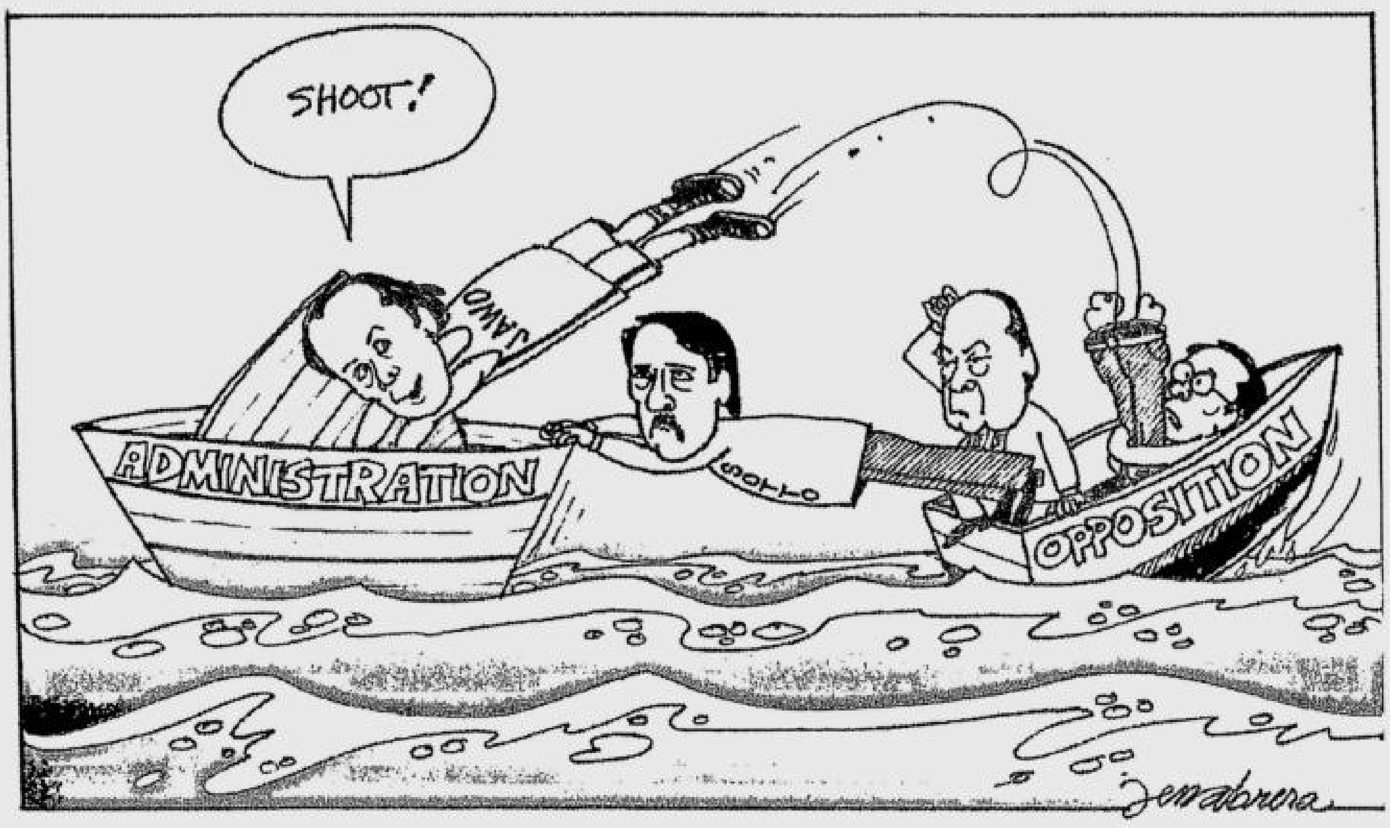
Self-defense

NOW movie actor Sonny Parsons (Jose Nabiula in real life) is facing homicide and frustrated homicide charges for killing two armed robbers and wounding a third. Police said the filing of the charges is merely procedural and meant to protect the rights of everyone involved, including the police.

But what about the rights of the victims, or would-be victims, of homicide, robbery and rape? Remember, one of the robbers pointed a gun at Parson's head and pressed the trigger but luckily it jammed. They were planning to rape one of Parson's daughters, but he was able to talk them out of doing it. And they were able to run away with P133,000 in cash, jewelry, cell phones and other things.

Is it wrong or illegal for a victim to rush after the robbers and would-be killers and rapists and engage them in a shootout? Was this not an act of self-defense? If you were in Parson's place, would you have let them go so that they could return another day and perhaps do worse things to you and your family, perhaps kill all of you?

Parson's act has drawn widespread praise and commendation. Perhaps it's an indication of the people's disgust with the state of law and order in the metropolis—and the country as a whole—that they are ready to sanction actions which may be legally questionable. With the police unable to protect them from criminals, and indeed, with some policemen themselves being involved in crimes, the people are forced to fend for themselves and do their best to try to survive in this perilous country.



Ms President: Don't forget the rights of workers

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

AMONG the most vocal critics of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Address is the labor sector. With good reason. The jobless can't get jobs; those who are lucky enough to have jobs are being dismissed illegally, indiscriminately and without mercy by opportunistic and heartless employers.

To protect the rights of workers, Congress passed the Omnibus Labor Code. And to resolve labor-management conflicts, the National Labor Relations Commission was set up as a quasi-judicial body. Because long-drawn-out hearings—like what usually happens in court trials—usually works in favor of management (in fact, it is the usual tactic of management lawyers to delay the hearings to starve out the complaining workers), the NLRC has labor arbiters. As the name implies, the labor arbiter's purpose is to arbitrate, to mediate between labor and management to try to make them agree on a compromise and avoid a long and costly trial.

Only when the arbitration fails shall the arbiter begin a formal trial and accept evidence from both sides. Unlike trials in a regular court of justice, labor hearings are summary in nature to speed up the process. Speed is the primary objective here because the longer a worker remains jobless, the longer will his family remain hungry.

Nevertheless, labor cases in the hands of arbiter take years to resolve. For example, a case of illegal dismissal filed by teachers against the German director of the Goethe Institut was submitted for decision three years ago. The German is about to go back to Germany and there is still no decision. After he leaves, whom will the teachers go after once they get a favorable decision from the NLRC?

Even after the worker gets a favorable decision from the arbiter, his travails are not yet over. The employer can appeal to a division of the NLRC and, if he loses there, to the commission en banc. From the NLRC, the employer can go up to the Court of Appeals. And here, the talk in the labor sector is that there is a division that is notorious for making pro-management decisions (for what reason I leave to your imagination). Workers wail in despair when their appealed cases fall on the lap of this CA division. Look into the records of this division and they will show that most of the labor cases it has decided were in favor of management. This is one reason for the accusations of corruption in the judiciary. The Supreme Court should do something about it.

I have received a letter-complaint from the Alliance of Democratic Free Labor Organizations (Adflo). It has filed a case of illegal dismissal in behalf of 14 of its members against Foreland Philippines Corp., a farm in Lucban, Quezon, engaged in the cultivation of flowering plants and fruit trees and fishpond operations.

The respondents claimed that the workers were hired on a contractual basis and that they were validly dismissed when the farm stopped operating. However, the respondents failed to justify the dismissals both procedurally and substantially and labor arbiter Vicente R. Layawen ruled that the workers were illegally dismissed and should be paid back wages and damages. The employer appealed to the NLRC.

Section 6 of the NLRC's Rule of Procedures provides:

"Section 6. Bond—In case the decision of Labor Arbiter or the Regional Director involves a monetary award, an appeal by the employer may be perfected only upon the posting of a cash or surety bond. The appeal bond shall either be in cash or surety in an amount equivalent to the monetary award, exclusive of damages and attorney's fees."

However, the respondents in RAB-IV-07-14221-01-Q (Adflo et al. vs. Floraland et al.) did not comply with Section 6. Nevertheless, the NLRC has given due course to the appeal. Why?

The language of Section 6 is very clear. The letter of the workers said:

"For one thing, respondents' bond is inadequate and only one of them posted the required supersede as bond; for another, they did not submit a copy of the indemnity agreement between respondents and Floraland, on the one hand, and the bonding firm, on the other; and still for another, respondents did not submit a copy of the security deposit or collateral securing the bond. (Layawen had awarded the 14 complainants, all illegally dismissed employees of Floraland, more than P5 million in damages and claims.)" All of these violate later provisions of Section 6.

The complainants have already filed three motions with the NLRC, the last of which is an urgent motion for resolution of their earlier two motions to dismiss and/or deny the appeal for violations of Section 6.

"As of this writing," continued the letter, "the NLRC still has to lift its stodgy fingers to resolve said motions...Obviously, the NLRC and the LAs concerned don't give a damn about the Constitution, which mandates the State to protect worker's rights and promote their welfare (Sec. 18, Art. II) and guarantee their rights (Sec. 5, Art. XIII). These provisions are echoed in Arts. 3 and 4 of the Labor Code. Art. 4 says that any doubt in the implementation and interpretation of the Code shall be resolved in favor of the workingman. The economic disparity between the poor laborer and the moneyed capitalists can never be overemphasized. Neither can the dictum that justice delayed is justice denied."

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THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

LOOKING at the rallies yesterday, I recalled something President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said last week: civil society was fully behind her, only the Reds were not. Which was all right, she said, because she never really saw eye to eye with them. She had fundamental ideological differences with them from the start.

My first reaction to this was to remember something she said a few months ago, which was that either you were with her or you were for the Abu Sayyaf. I thought then that she was openly recruiting for the Abu Sayyaf. Similarly, I thought last week that she was openly recruiting for the Reds. To say only the Reds are against her, well, if that's true and you saw the rallies yesterday, you'd have to conclude the Reds have managed to make a great leap forward in the short time she's been in Malacañang.

My second reaction was to realize that the President had just paid a huge, if unwitting, compliment to the Reds. She of course did not specifically say who they were, but everyone knew she meant the group, led by Satur Ocampo, Teddy Casino et al., which had participated in the Edsa gathering. I don't know how that group answered Ms Macapagal, but they could very well have said: "Of course, we had ideological differences from the start. We chose to risk life and limb to fight Erap from the start, she chose to wait and see from the start. That's one very big ideological difference."

If I recall right, Bayan's position, which was to support Ms Macapagal actively in the months preceding Edsa II was eagerly criticized by Popoy Lagman's group, which flew the slogan "Resign All," and called for Hilario Davide to head a caretaker government that would organize presidential elections. Lagman's group had no end of things to say about Bayan's opportunism, a fact that surprisingly did not lead to violent confrontations at Mendiola Bridge during the various joint rallies there.

I myself wondered then if Bayan wasn't walking into a trap. I had seen it too many times before, the people who had gone to slay the ogre turning into the ogres themselves. Or for those who do not like metaphors, leftist personalities joining a rightist government and having precious little left in them, often tuning more right than right and ending up completely wrong. I was wrong.

Ocampo et al. may not claim to have turned government progressive. But no one may claim either that government has stunned them into silence with no small amount of blandishment. Unlike a great portion of civil society, which has put its civility up for auction, Ocampo et al. have not hidden their disappointment over the, well, ideological direction their former ally, and erstwhile patron, has taken. They have been just as vocal in their criticism of her today as they had been in their support for her yesterday. They said they would enter into a "critical collaboration" with Ms Macapagal. They did not end up, as most others do, remembering only the collaboration.

All of which has made me reflect again on the meaning of "ideological," a word that has come into disrepute over the years. You mention the word "ideological," and the thing that comes to mind is someone who is rigid, inflexible and unyielding. Or who has a robotic kind of allegiance to a set of beliefs. "That guy is beyond reasoning with" you'll hear it said, "he's too ideological." Well, maybe there's that, too; I know some people to be so. But you also look at what's happening around us today and you wonder about what not being "ideological" means.

You look for example, at what's happening in the Senate, and you'll ask yourself what the virtues of not being ideological are. I know the Senate has not been the same since people like Jose Laurel, Claro M. Recto, Lorenzo Tañada, Jose Diokno, Jovito Salonga and even one Ferdinand Marcos strode in its august halls, but I am still astounded by the steepness of the decline. If you own a cellphone, you will probably have gotten that text joke that the bad news is that the senators have been held hostage by kidnappers, and the good news is that the Pasay police have been sent to rescue them. If so, you will also know how long the so-called "impasse" at the Senate has been: it dates back to well before the Pasay police riddled a boy, along with his abductor, with bullets.

For well over a month now, the senators have distinguished themselves for only one thing: the ferocity of their dedication to the pursuit of happiness, namely their own.

The news is that the impasse will soon be broken by Senators Robert Jaworski and Tito Sotto, which strikes me only as an unpleasant reminder they are still senators of the land. You see a grand spectacle of dogged selfishness and shameless opportunism such as the Senate has regaled us with, and truly you wonder why we shouldn't want this country to be more resolutely ideological. To be more unyielding and inflexible about a set of beliefs, or political program, and not merely about one's ambition to become Senate president—or, worse, president of the land. To be more intransigent about advancing the country and not merely about aggrandizing oneself.

If someone tells me I am beyond reason because I am far too ideological, I will take that as a compliment. It will reflect far less on me than on the one saying it. "Reason" in this case has only one context, which is the one Don Corleone uses when he says, "I'll reason with him." The kind that brings more money in the bank or a hot blonde on one hand, and the blood-spattered head of a race horse under the bed sheets on the other.

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LAST week, the World Bank Office in Manila inaugurated the Knowledge for Development Center (Ground Floor, The Taipan Place, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig). Open to students, researchers, media, government employees, business people and anyone interested in issues of development and in transacting with the bank, the KDC has a bank of computers that gives all users on-line access to development websites and databases, World Bank projects, documents and reports, as well as to the "Jolis" cataloguing system that allows users to se[illegible] the collection of around 60 other World Ba[illegible] information centers around the world.

The KDC also contains "har[illegible] copies" of World Bank documents, including memoranda of agreement and supporting documents for specific projects, as well as a list of project requirements that private sector contractors could bid for. The Center also lends out books published by the World Bank as well as books published by academics and independent researchers on the latest development studies. There is also a special collection of CDs and videotapes on development.

To cast as wide a net of information as possible, the World Bank has also entered into agreements to make its documents available in the libraries of Neda and of nine universities around the country: Panay State Polytechnic College, University of San Carlos in Cebu, UP Los Baños, UP Diliman, Saint Mary's University in Nueva Vizcaya, Western Mindanao State University in Zamboanga, Notre Dame University in Cotabato City, University of Southeastern Philippines in Davao City, and the Asian Institute of Management.

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WHAT got me most excited among the KDC's offerings, however, was the Philippine LGU Assistance Portal (www.lguportal.org), a brainchild of current World Bank country director Van Pulley. As he tells it, Pulley was inspired to conceive of the project while visiting San Fernando, La Union, whose dynamic Mayor Jane Ortega had successfully accessed bank funds for her solid waste management program.

The LGU Portal is a one-stop site on current World Bank-supported products and services available to local governments. At the moment, the bank offers access to information and project funds on eight kinds of projects: water supply, sanitation and drainage; infrastructure; rural development; education; health and nutrition; environment; capacity building; and energy and other products.

Simply by logging on to the portal, local government officials will be able to submit online a letter of intent to access project funds; access additional information such as project terms and conditions, required documents for submission and a list of approved/ongoing projects and implementing LGUs; and e-mail their questions, feedback and suggestions to the portal helpdesk. The site also contains a "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" page that provides information on packaging a project for possible funding. For those without access to the Internet, the LGU Portal is also available in CD-format, and I've been told that the World Bank has already sent a copy to every province, city and municipality in the country.

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INDEED, as I remarked to Pulley as he toured me through the KDC, local government executives no longer have excuses for underperformance. It's a scandal that while funds have been made available for development projects in our provinces, towns and cities, just a small percentage of the money has been accessed by governors and mayors. If mayors like Jane Ortega of San Fernando, or the Fernandos of Marikina can do it, why can't the others?

Ignorance is certainly no excuse, and through the LGU Portal, neither can the governors or mayors claim lack of time or lack of access to national offices or the World Bank Manila office. Perhaps what they should confess to is lack of initiative, boldness and imagination. They need to get off their butts and begin planning for the future, for the money is available, and all they have to do is take the first step by logging on.

In the time of the 'Kano'

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

AS usual, in the process of researching another project, I ran into some information that I thought you'd find amusing. During the period August 1901 to June 1902, the Justice Department of the City of Manila reported the following arrests and crimes:

The biggest number of cases (1,818) were for gambling. (So, what else is new? If you remember just a couple of weeks ago, some police officers were sacked for being inutile in the campaign against *jueteng*.) A total of 89 persons were apprehended for operating a gambling house and 26 for cockfighting in the streets. Nine were arrested for conducting a lottery and five for soliciting for a lottery.

This was followed by 1,782 cases of disorderly conduct, of which 795 were charged with "drunk and disorderly" conduct. (Presumably the others were sober?) A total of 1,045 persons were arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting, 15 for disturbing the peace by throwing stones and 75 for disturbing the peace by shouting. For poor uncouth characters were arrested for cleaning their ears in public. (They had probably been doing it for centuries under the Spaniards and hadn't quite adjusted to the new sanitary standards.)

There were people doing all kinds of impersonations and getting arrested for their efforts: 18 impersonated policemen, 1 a health officer, 14 sanitary inspectors, 10 secret service officers, 1 a customs inspector, 3 license inspectors. Sixteen were arrested on charges of false pretence. (What was the difference between the two crimes? Surely all those impersonating government inspectors and policemen must have been doing it to extort money?) If that doesn't confuse you, 28 were charged with obtaining money under false pretences.

Ninety-two *cocheros* were arrested for driving from the rear seat of their *carromata*, 233 for reckless driving, 16 for going over the speed limit (but not recklessly it seems), 435 for refusing a fare (How many taxi drivers have been arrested for that lately?) and 75 for abandoning their vehicles. Nineteen were caught driving down the Escolta during prohibited hours and 42 for overcharging. Seven *cocheros* had no badges, 86 no numbers on their vehicles, 241 no lights on their vehicles and 480 no signals.

Over the same period, 704 were charged with plain assault, 1 for felonious attack, 1 for criminal assault, 4 for grave assault, (Does this mean the 704 were not serious or criminal attempts?), 8 for intent to kill, 453 for assault and battery, and 28 for attempted murder. (There must be a very fine line between attacking someone with intent to kill and merely attempting to murder him. Does the difference lie in the weapons used: If you use a baseball bat it's assault, but if it is arsenic it is murder?)

Twenty-one were arrested for adultery. (It would be interesting to discover how they found out that the culprits were married). Five were arrested for trafficking in women and 29 for prostitution. (Only one was arrested for running a house of prostitution, and the only conclusion I can draw is that they either tolerated the others or didn't know about them.)

Twenty-four were picked up for obstructing a waterway and 608 for blocking a highway. Seven coolies were arrested for occupying sidewalks, 464 for being suspicious characters, 450 for vagrancy and only 9 for begging.

There were 27 abductions, 16 attempted rapes and 30 rapes but—guess what?—only 1 kidnapping and I'll bet it wasn't for ransom.

Amid the mayhem, J. C. Mehan, assistant superintendent of streets in charge of parks and street cleaning was busy "improving and extending the Botanical Gardens on the Paseo de Bagumbayan until they approached their former state under Spanish management." We are told that "no city was ever more in need of playgrounds or recreation fields where the general public may seek amusement and exercise. The people take readily to games and with little encouragement would develop keen rivalry in many of the sports at the present time confined to the American and foreign population. Owing to the lack of ordinary healthful exercise and diversion, the great army of clerks and officials and the rapidly increasing American and foreign population find but little to do after office hours (presumably when they weren't getting drunk, throwing stones, assaulting each other, getting caught in adultery or gambling) beyond going to clubs or driving, and both are expensive amusements."

"Originally the park had many beautiful trees and plants and a splendid collection of orchids, but nearly all of these, with the exception of the larger trees, were destroyed during the siege of the city and the insurrection. In this park are located the residence of the city engineer and the assistant superintendent of the streets. During the last few months, the deer park has been completed, neatly fenced with wire, and it contains a number of deer of different kinds from the various islands of the archipelago. There is also a monkey cage and from time to time the animals and buildings are being added to. This is a very popular resort with all classes especially the Filipinos and it is expected that it will be rapidly enlarged."

(Such a pity our officials can only think of covering the little open spaces left in the city with cement and concrete structures and the other officials couldn't care less what happens to the capital of this country.)

Mother's calling

YOUNG BLOOD

Ivy S. Papa

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

WHEN I hear girls claim that their mother is their best friend, I have a mixed reaction to it. I get a little dubious because I know what my Mom and I share and it's something very special. I'd be very crushed to learn that our relationship is not at all unique and is, in fact, quite common between mothers and daughters. At the same time, I can definitely understand what they're saying that because if you have been blessed with a mother who is cool enough to be friends with her children, then you've got the best kind of friend you could ever have.

When I was growing up, I didn't always regard Mom as a friend. For a time, shallow and self-centered adolescent that I was, I even considered her the enemy. There were some very unforgettable moments in the past when I wanted so much to get away from her, but concrete as my plans were then, they were always fleeting. I would come around and realize that despite the heated words and the tears, Mom never stopped loving me and no matter how hurt I was feeling, my pain would never surpass hers during those fights. In the back of my mind, I was always sure she was a great mother, but I just had to go through that angst-ridden, rebellious phase. I can only be thankful that it's over now and I have enough sense to make up for all the grief I have caused her.

Despite the tumultuous years, I have always been close to my Mom. Perhaps it was because she always made herself approachable and available to my sister and me. I was never really afraid of her. She was somebody I would never hesitate to talk to. She made it a point to always be accepting of us and never judgmental.

She's a very chatty person, but she doesn't sic you with her lectures if you don't want them. When I do need her advice, she always gave simple and effective ones.

When I was in college, I had this tendency to psychoanalyze her because when I'd look at her life, it just seemed so unsatisfactory for me. She had started a career as a preschool teacher and owner, but to me that was just an extension of her maternal efforts, a mere hobby. She has a Biology degree and her parents were willing enough to send her to medical school, but she didn't want that. I wanted my life to be full of achievements and extraordinary accomplishments and I was projecting all my restlessness on her.

She's very intelligent, but she prefers to be silly. She'd do things that embarrass us and laugh when my sister and I cringe. She'd call us her antagonists because we're forever correcting what she's saying and stopping her from continuing with what we consider fatuous behavior.

I felt all the remorse she should have been feeling for the lack of excitement in her life. I wanted her to be complicated and she was not. Her life was focused on my sister and me. In her job and in church, she took care of more children. That didn't seem very healthy or well rounded to me. I was certain that when she grew old, she'd regret not doing something more with her life.

Now that I'm an adult myself and quite happy with what I have achieved and with the kind of person I have turned out to be, I can see that the life I'm enjoying right now had been made possible by the gentle support and guiding love of my mother. She may be perceived as a forceful and terrific woman by some but she has never coerced us into doing anything. She has always respected the choices that we made and merely encouraged us to be the best that we can be.

I might not have thought much of her career before, but I've realized now what a nurturing person she is. She needs an outlet for all that love and endearment. Teaching was not so much her career as mothering was. This was what she did best and she has influenced a lot of lives with her work.

As for excitement, it must have been thrilling to watch her students become accomplished individuals. She could very well point to us and say, "If it weren't for me...." but for her, her full reward in seeing us lead happy and successful lives.

Before I became a teenager, I'd watch her comfort the young people from our church who would come to her with their problems and I'd wonder why these kids didn't go to their own parents instead. I'd see them link arms with my Mom or rest their heads against her shoulders very much like how my sister and I did. Even my own friends were attached to my Mom. I was glad that they felt that they could come over and be totally at ease with her. Many of them have approached me and told me they envied me and my mother.

The significance of all this never registered until much later and it came with the realization of how blessed I am that my mother is not only a very groovy person but also hopelessly maternal. Since I have never met a woman who is so completely a mother, I can't think of anybody worthier to celebrate Mothers' Day with.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .?

Murder case vs battered wife

ON OCT. 25, 1999, Aldrin Pielago was stabbed to death in his own house in Sta. Ana, Manila. He sustained at least 80 stab wounds. His common-law wife, Menzi Mendez, an out-patient of the National Center for Mental Health, confessed to the stabbing.

Mendez at first said Pielago, a suspected drug dependent, had committed suicide. But she told reporters later she had killed him since he looked like the devil every time he maltreated her.

Mendez was reportedly a battered wife. Neighbors heard Mendez shouting for help that early morning. A neighbor who saw Mendez near the Pasig River said she had sought her help in throwing the dead body into the river.

The police brought Mendez to the NCMH. But on Nov. 8, she was charged with murder before the Manila regional trial court.

The case was raffled off to the sala of Judge Luis Arranz of Branch 11. But Arranx said his court had jurisdiction over drug-related cases only, and the case was transferred on Dec. 7 to the sala of Judge Rodolfo Ponferrada.

Mendez was arraigned on April 17, 2001, after the NCMH certified that she was capable of undergoing trial. She pleaded not guilty.

Case status: Last Feb. 13, the judge ordered the case provisionally dismissed since both parties appeared to have no interest in prosecuting the case. A case, when provisionally dismissed, will be reopened once the complainants file a motion for resumption of the case within the period prescribed by law. For murder, the dismissal becomes permanent after a period of two years upon motion of the accused.

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LAST week, the World Bank Office in Manila inaugurated the Knowledge for Development Center (Ground Floor, The Taipan Place, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig). Open to students, researchers, media, government employees, business people and anyone interested in issues of development and in transacting with the bank, the KDC has a bank of computers that gives all users on-line access to development websites and databases, World Bank projects, documents and reports, as well as to the "Jolis" cataloguing system that allows users to se the collection of around 60 other World Ba k information centers around the world.

The KDC also contains "har copies" of World Bank documents, including memoranda of agreement and supporting documents for specific projects, as well as a list of project requirements that private sector contractors could bid for. The Center also lends out books published by the World Bank as well as books published by academics and independent researchers on the latest development studies. There is also a special collection of CDs and videotapes on development.

To cast as wide a net of information as possible, the World Bank has also entered into agreements to make its documents available in the libraries of Neda and of nine universities around the country: Panay State Polytechnic College, University of San Carlos in Cebu, UP Los Baños, UP Diliman, Saint Mary's University in Nueva Vizcaya, Western Mindanao State University in Zamboanga, Notre Dame University in Cotabato City, University of Southeastern Philippines in Davao City, and the Asian Institute of Management.

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WHAT got me most excited among the KDC's offerings, however, was the Philippine LGU Assistance Portal (www.lguportal.org), a brainchild of current World Bank country director Van Pulley. As he tells it, Pulley was inspired to conceive of the project while visiting San Fernando, La Union, whose dynamic Mayor Jane Ortega had successfully accessed bank funds for her solid waste management program.

The LGU Portal is a one-stop site on current World Bank-supported products and services available to local governments. At the moment, the bank offers access to information and project funds on eight kinds of projects: water supply, sanitation and drainage; infrastructure; rural development; education; health and nutrition; environment; capacity building; and energy and other products.

Simply by logging on to the portal, local government officials will be able to submit online a letter of intent to access project funds; access additional information such as project terms and conditions, required documents for submission and a list of approved/ongoing projects and implementing LGUs; and e-mail their questions, feedback and suggestions to the portal helpdesk. The site also contains a "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" page that provides information on packaging a project for possible funding. For those without access to the Internet, the LGU Portal is also available in CD-format, and I've been told that the World Bank has already sent a copy to every province, city and municipality in the country.

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INDEED, as I remarked to Pulley as he toured me through the KDC, local government executives no longer have excuses for underperformance. It's a scandal that while funds have been made available for development projects in our provinces, towns and cities, just a small percentage of the money has been accessed by governors and mayors. If mayors like Jane Ortega of San Fernando, or the Fernandos of Marikina can do it, why can't the others?

Ignorance is certainly no excuse, and through the LGU Portal, neither can the governors or mayors claim lack of time or lack of access to national offices or the World Bank Manila office. Perhaps what they should confess to is lack of initiative, boldness and imagination. They need to get off their butts and begin planning for the future, for the money is available, and all they have to do is take the first step by logging on.

In the time of the 'Kano'

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

AS usual, in the process of researching another project, I ran into some information that I thought you'd find amusing. During the period August 1901 to June 1902, the Justice Department of the City of Manila reported the following arrests and crimes:

The biggest number of cases (1,818) were for gambling. (So, what else is new? If you remember just a couple of weeks ago, some police officers were sacked for being inutile in the campaign against *jueteng*.) A total of 89 persons were apprehended for operating a gambling house and 26 for cockfighting in the streets. Nine were arrested for conducting a lottery and five for soliciting for a lottery.

This was followed by 1,782 cases of disorderly conduct, of which 795 were charged with "drunk and disorderly" conduct. (Presumably the others were sober?) A total of 1,045 persons were arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting, 15 for disturbing the peace by throwing stones and 75 for disturbing the peace by shouting. For poor uncouth characters were arrested for cleaning their ears in public. (They had probably been doing it for centuries under the Spaniards and hadn't quite adjusted to the new sanitary standards.)

There were people doing all kinds of impersonations and getting arrested for their efforts: 18 impersonated policemen, 1 a health officer, 14 sanitary inspectors, 10 secret service officers, 1 a customs inspector, 3 license inspectors. Sixteen were arrested on charges of false pretence. (What was the difference between the two crimes? Surely all those impersonating government inspectors and policemen must have been doing it to extort money?) If that doesn't confuse you, 28 were charged with obtaining money under false pretences.

Ninety-two *cocheros* were arrested for driving from the rear seat of their *carromata*, 233 for reckless driving, 16 for going over the speed limit (but not recklessly it seems), 435 for refusing a fare (How many taxi drivers have been arrested for that lately?) and 75 for abandoning their vehicles. Nineteen were caught driving down the Escolta during prohibited hours and 42 for overcharging. Seven *cocheros* had no badges, 86 no numbers on their vehicles, 241 no lights on their vehicles and 480 no signals.

Over the same period, 704 were charged with plain assault, 1 for felonious attack, 1 for criminal assault, 4 for grave assault, (Does this mean the 704 were not serious or criminal attempts?), 8 for intent to kill, 453 for assault and battery, and 28 for attempted murder. (There must be a very fine line between attacking someone with intent to kill and merely attempting to murder him. Does the difference lie in the weapons used: If you use a baseball bat it's assault, but if it is arsenic it is murder?)

Twenty-one were arrested for adultery. (It would be interesting to discover how they found out that the culprits were married). Five were arrested for trafficking in women and 29 for prostitution. (Only one was arrested for running a house of prostitution, and the only conclusion I can draw is that they either tolerated the others or didn't know about them.)

Twenty-four were picked up for obstructing a waterway and 608 for blocking a highway. Seven coolies were arrested for occupying sidewalks, 464 for being suspicious characters, 450 for vagrancy and only 9 for begging.

There were 27 abductions, 16 attempted rapes and 30 rapes but—guess what?—only 1 kidnapping and I'll bet it wasn't for ransom.

Amid the mayhem, J. C. Mehan, assistant superintendent of streets in charge of parks and street cleaning was busy "improving and extending the Botanical Gardens on the Paseo de Bagumbayan until they approached their former state under Spanish management." We are told that "no city was ever more in need of playgrounds or recreation fields where the general public may seek amusement and exercise. The people take readily to games and with little encouragement would develop keen rivalry in many of the sports at the present time confined to the American and foreign population. Owing to the lack of ordinary healthful exercise and diversion, the great army of clerks and officials and the rapidly increasing American and foreign population find but little to do after office hours (presumably when they weren't getting drunk, throwing stones, assaulting each other, getting caught in adultery or gambling) beyond going to clubs or driving, and both are expensive amusements."

"Originally the park had many beautiful trees and plants and a splendid collection of orchids, but nearly all of these, with the exception of the larger trees, were destroyed during the siege of the city and the insurrection. In this park are located the residence of the city engineer and the assistant superintendent of the streets. During the last few months, the deer park has been completed, neatly fenced with wire, and it contains a number of deer of different kinds from the various islands of the archipelago. There is also a monkey cage and from time to time the animals and buildings are being added to. This is a very popular resort with all classes especially the Filipinos and it is expected that it will be rapidly enlarged."

(Such a pity our officials can only think of covering the little open spaces left in the city with cement and concrete structures and the other officials couldn't care less what happens to the capital of this country.)

Mother's calling

YOUNG BLOOD

Ivy S. Papa

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

WHEN I hear girls claim that their mother is their best friend, I have a mixed reaction to it. I get a little dubious because I know what my Mom and I share and it's something very special. I'd be very crushed to learn that our relationship is not at all unique and is, in fact, quite common between mothers and daughters. At the same time, I can definitely understand what they're saying that because if you have been blessed with a mother who is cool enough to be friends with her children, then you've got the best kind of friend you could ever have.

When I was growing up, I didn't always regard Mom as a friend. For a time, shallow and self-centered adolescent that I'was, I even considered her the enemy. There were some very unforgettable moments in the past when I wanted so much to get away from her, but concrete as my plans were then, they were always fleeting. I would come around and realize that despite, the heated words and the tears, Mom never stopped loving me and no matter how hurt I was feeling, my pain would never surpass hers during those fights. In the back of my mind, I was always sure she was a great mother, but I just had to go through that angst-ridden, rebellious phase. I can only be thankful that it's over now and I have enough sense to make up for all the grief I have caused her.

Despite the tumultuous years, I have always been close to my Mom. Perhaps it was because she always made herself approachable and available to my sister and me. I was never really afraid of her. She was somebody I would never hesitate to talk to. She made it a point to always be accepting of us and never judgmental.

She's a very chatty person, but she doesn't sic you with her lectures if you don't want them. When I do need her advice, she always gave simple and effective ones.

When I was in college, I had this tendency to psychoanalyze her because when I'd look at her life, it just seemed so unsatisfactory for me. She had started a career as a preschool teacher and owner, but to me that was just an extension of her maternal efforts, a mere hobby. She has a Biology degree and her parents were willing enough to send her to medical school, but she didn't want that. I wanted my life to be full of achievements and extraordinary accomplishments and I was projecting all my restlessness on her.

She's very intelligent, but she prefers to be silly. She'd do things that embarrass us and laugh when my sister and I cringe. She'd call us her antagonists because we're forever correcting what she's saying and stopping her from continuing with what we consider fatuous behavior.

I felt all the remorse she should have been feeling for the lack of excitement in her life. I wanted her to be complicated and she was not. Her life was focused on my sister and me. In her job and in church, she took care of more children. That didn't seem very healthy or well rounded to me. I was certain that when she grew old, she'd regret not doing something more with her life.

Now that I'm an adult myself and quite happy with what I have achieved and with the kind of person I have turned out to be, I can see that the life I'm enjoying right now had been made possible by the gentle support and guiding love of my mother. She may be perceived as a forceful and terrific woman by some but she has never coerced us into doing anything. She has always respected the choices that we made and merely encouraged us to be the best that we can be.

I might not have thought much of her career before, but I've realized now what a nurturing person she is. She needs an outlet for all that love and endearment. Teaching was not so much her career as mothering was. This was what she did best and she has influenced a lot of lives with her work.

As for excitement, it must have been thrilling to watch her students become accomplished individuals. She could very well point to us and say, "If it weren't for me...." but for her, her full reward in seeing us lead happy and successful lives.

Before I became a teenager, I'd watch her comfort the young people from our church who would come to her with their problems and I'd wonder why these kids didn't go to their own parents instead. I'd see them link arms with my Mom or rest their heads against her shoulders very much like how my sister and I did. Even my own friends were attached to my Mom. I was glad that they felt that they could come over and be totally at ease with her. Many of them have approached me and told me they envied me and my mother.

The significance of all this never registered until much later and it came with the realization of how blessed I am that my mother is not only a very groovy person but also hopelessly maternal. Since I have never met a woman who is so completely a mother, I can't think of anybody worthier to celebrate Mothers' Day with.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .?

Murder case vs battered wife

ON OCT. 25, 1999, Aldrin Pielago was stabbed to death in his own house in Sta. Ana, Manila. He sustained at least 80 stab wounds. His common-law wife, Menzi Mendez, an out-patient of the National Center for Mental Health, confessed to the stabbing.

Mendez at first said Pielago, a suspected drug dependent, had committed suicide. But she told reporters later she had killed him since he looked like the devil every time he maltreated her.

Mendez was reportedly a battered wife. Neighbors heard Mendez shouting for help that early morning. A neighbor who saw Mendez near the Pasig River said she had sought her help in throwing the dead body into the river.

The police brought Mendez to the NCMH. But on Nov. 8, she was charged with murder before the Manila regional trial court.

The case was raffled off to the sala of Judge Luis Arranz of Branch 11. But Arranx said his court had jurisdiction over drug-related cases only, and the case was transferred on Dec. 7 to the sala of Judge Rodolfo Ponferrada.

Mendez was arraigned on April 17, 2001, after the NCMH certified that she was capable of undergoing trial. She pleaded not guilty.

Case status: Last Feb. 13, the judge ordered the case provisionally dismissed since both parties appeared to have no interest in prosecuting the case. A case, when provisionally dismissed, will be reopened once the complainants file a motion for resumption of the case within the period prescribed by law. For murder, the dismissal becomes permanent after a period of two years upon motion of the accused.

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Boycott of Australian products proposed

EARLY this month, the Australian government decided that Philippine bananas are infested with diseases and therefore should not be allowed into Australia.

Most other nations in the Asia-Pacific region import Philippine bananas and find nothing wrong with our fruit despite their very stringent tests. Only Australia refuses to accept Philippine bananas for the most flimsy of reasons, in keeping with its protectionist attitude.

The Philippine government therefore must now resolve to ban the importation of all meat, livestock and dairy products from Australia. It is the only right thing to do at the moment. Anyway, that country is not the only source of meat, livestock and dairy products in the region.

Only when Australia decides later to import our bananas should we make a study whether we would resume buying livestock, meat and dairy products from that country.

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A useful public undertaking

BY FILING a case against me with the Office of the Ombudsman, Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay could unwittingly be discrediting a government policy affirmed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo herself and endorsed by three environment secretaries and two past presidents (Fidel V. Ramos and Joseph Estrada).

Pichay has filed a complaint against a misunderstood co-production agreement that the government entered into with Shannalyne Inc. to establish a 110,790-hectare timber corridor in the Caraga Region, which is part of the government's program for wood production, reforestation and job creation.

This project began with Ramos. It was continued by President Estrada and carried on by President Macapagal.

The agreement is in accordance with the 1987 Constitution banning the issuance of Timber Licensing Agreements (TLAs) and allows instead only "co-production, joint-venture or production sharing agreements."

It also forms part of the Philippine Master Plan for Forest Development (MPFD) designed with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as early as 1996 to recover and rehabilitate almost 10 million hectares of denuded forests. The MPFD study envisions this will bring in much-needed investments and create substantial employment for the people of Mindanao and allow the country to be self-sufficient in wood.

The President recognized Shannalyne's project when she proclaimed as special economic zone Shannalyne's Technological and Environmental Park on March 12, 2001 or two weeks before I came into office, through Proclamation No. 7916 as amended by Republic Act No. 3748. Then Environment Secretary Victor Ramos entered into the first contract with Shannalyne in 1998, awarding it two Ifmas which have remained valid and unchallenged to date. This was carried out by Secretary Cerilles and continued with appropriate due diligence by this administration. It is therefore an established government program acknowledged even by past administrations.

Shannalyne has an established track record recognized by the governments of New Zealand and Finland. Its vast industrial tree plantation in New Zealand has been visited and verified by previous DENR secretaries.

Contrary to Pichay's claim, Shannalyne is a Filipino corporation, duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission since 1996, having 60-percent Filipino ownership as required by the Constitution.

Although it appears that stockholders of foreign nationality had already paid their subscriptions, the Filipino stockholders still have the majority vote, considering that they hold majority shares of 60 percent which, even if not fully paid, have not been declared delinquent or were never questioned at any time, in accordance with the law.

Pichay appears to be unaware of international finance and relies solely on parochial rural banking. As long as a firm complies with the Constitution and SEC requirements, it is not the size of the capital of the corporation that matters but the bankability of the project. What is crucial is Shannalyne's ability to access the critical mass of capital and its access to international funding.

He does not understand the fact that the small capital of this international industry giant, fully endorsed by two governments of industrialized countries with substantial experience in this industry, establishes the credibility of Shannalyne to fully undertake this co-production agreement.

I only hope that Pichay's careless study and opposition are not meant to accuse three Philippine presidents and three DENR chiefs of violating the Constitution when they recognized this highly useful public undertaking.

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Why shouldn't Estradas be allowed to vote?

LAWYER Romy Macalintal questions why the Estradas were allowed to vote. In the days of martial law, dictator Marcos even allowed Ninoy Aquino, Jose Maria Sison and company to run for public office. I am puzzled every time it looks like Marcos was more benevolent than today's democrats.

My own penological approach is to soften, to the extent possible, the situation of all detainees, specially those who are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt. If one not so proven can run for public office, why can he not be allowed to vote? We need to be creative here unless the law and the Constitution categorically say that detention prisoners are denied the right of suffrage. That would have prevented Ninoy from running, a situation political kingpins can use to neutralize their foes via false charges validated by local bribeable and/or timorous prosecutors and judges.

In the same issue (July 16), Conrado de Quiros wrote that Mayor Alfredo Lim, in the face of the criticism of his spray-paint campaign, "backed down only after the public made him realize his methods more properly belonged to the Inquisition." In fact, Mabini took the case against him to the Court of Appeals, which shot him down. He tried to go to the Supreme Court, which, as Justice Isagani Cruz has lamented in his space more than once, let the decision stand on technical grounds. We agree with him it was a pity because a strong denunciation from the Supreme Court would have put the Lims, Lacsons, Dutertes and Co. in their place.

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Pets and the elderly

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

I HEARD the clock striking six and figured I could grab an hour more of sleep. But suddenly I heard my mother screaming out in the garden, "No! No! Stop! Stop!"

I rushed out to find two of her dogs locked in mortal combat. It took about 15 minutes of dousing several pails of water and pulling on the dogs to separate the two. Finally I had to pry open the jaws of one of the dogs—these are small dachshunds but when they clamp their jaws shut you might as well be dealing with a crocodile. Looking like I had just come from mud wrestling, I had to wash the dogs down and treat their wounds, and then check in on my mother, who had taken tranquillizers to calm herself down.

That dog fight and several recent events reminded me of the need to weigh the risks and benefits of having pets for the elderly. I started with the dog fight because it highlights how helpless the elderly can be when such "rumbles" break out. Without human intervention, the dogs would have stopped on their own but only after sustaining serious injuries. There's also the problem of elderly dog owners getting caught in the "crossfire" since mad dogs lose all their rationality and will attack anyone who gets in the way.

There are other day-to-day emergencies that may be more difficult for elderly pet owners. This time of the year, for example, veterinarians will tell you they see more cases of toad poisoning. When the toads are attacked they respond by releasing a very toxic white substance. The poison is similar to strychnine, which over-stimulates the central nervous system. The dog begins to froth and its muscles go into spasms, the dog stretching its back in agony. It's a frightful and pitiful sight, with dogs sometimes dying from the poisoning.

In the last month alone, there have been four toad attacks in my parents' home. Three times I was around and able to administer first aid to the dogs (you have to wash out as much of the venom from their mouths as you can, inject them with atropine and keep them in a dark and quiet room). But one time I wasn't around and the dog was so seriously affected it had to be rushed to our vet. (It helps having a vet clinic nearby. I'm going to do a plug here for Eric Sarmiento, who has cared for several generations of my parents' dogs and cats.)

The problems go beyond emergencies. My parents keep complaining that their dogs are all so obese, and I have to explain to them that this ties in with having elderly pet owners.

First, the dogs are getting much less exercise. When I was growing up, one of our family activities was to walk the dogs together. My parents, my sister and I each had our own dog, and we'd walk about a kilometer to visit another family with dachshunds. It was good exercise and good socialization for humans and for dogs. But my parents are now too old to handle the dog-walking, and my schedule is much too tight to walk so many dogs. So the dogs, and my parents, end up as couch potatoes.

The other reason for obesity among pets with elderly humans is that the elderly are home more often, and there's a tendency for both humans and pets to binge on snacks. Elderly people have soft hearts (my mother even tries to feed the bomb-sniffing dogs in malls) and dogs know how to manipulate their humans.

Mind you, I'm all in favor of elderly people keeping pets. Dogs and cats provide companionship, and there have been many studies showing that hugging and stroking the pets can be very relaxing, lowering the blood pressure of humans.

It can be a wonderful relationship, old dogs and old people, but we also have to be realistic. One or two dogs, maybe another one or two cats, is about the limit for older humans. There are heavy responsibilities caring for the pets, as well as risks from having too many animals around the house. Even a well-behaved dog or cat can get in the way and trip an older owner.

There's also the pain of losing a pet, and the grieving can be more intense for older people. If you're 70 now and decide on a puppy, be aware that this cuddly tyke will be as old as you are (in "dog years") in about 10 years. This year my parents lost their Sasha, a 13-year-old dog, and I know they were very seriously affected. They talk about how their garden is now dotted with graves of dogs and cats from several generations.

Think things through carefully. The choice of pets for the elderly will depend on how many younger people live with them and how much living space there is. Between a dog and a cat I'd go for the latter. Cats can be impulsive at times but generally they're more sedate and independent than dogs. Sometimes even the choice of the breed is important. For example, smaller dogs can be more neurotic and prone to fights than the larger breeds.

It's a wonderful thought, this thing about humans and pets growing old together, but make sure that the pets help to improve the elderly's quality of life, rather than complicating it.

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The WORLD

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Israel offers to withdraw from 2 towns

JERUSALEM—Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Monday that the Army was prepared to withdraw from two West Bank towns occupied for more than a month as long as Palestinian security forces were ready to take over and prevent attacks against Israel.

In violence Monday, two Palestinian militants were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers when they tried to attack a Jewish settlement in the southern Gaza Strip, the Army said. Two soldiers were lightly injured in a clash, the Army said. Mosque loudspeakers in the nearby Palestinian town of Khan Yunis announced that the militant Islamic Jihad group carried out the attack.

Also, Israeli authorities agreed Monday to allow the reopening of the office of the leading Palestinian official in east Jerusalem, Sari Nusseibeh. Police closed his office two weeks ago, alleging that Nusseibeh, the president of Al-Quds University, had violated peace accords by engaging in Palestinian political activity in Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh, who is also the chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Jerusalem, said he signed a document Monday agreeing not to take part in politics. The Palestinians want east Jerusalem for the capital of a future state, while Israel claims sovereignty over the entire city.

Meanwhile, Peres confirmed Palestinian reports that Israel had offered to withdraw from the West Bank towns of Hebron and Bethlehem if Palestinian security takes control.

"We really want to get out of there as soon as (Palestinian) security is deployed," Peres told Israel Radio.

Asked if he was confirming reports that the Army would withdraw from towns, Peres said "Yes, there are towns that are more quiet than others; Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho." He did not say when a withdrawal might take place.

Israel has troops in seven of the eight major Palestinian cities and towns in the West Bank, including Hebron and Bethlehem. The soldiers moved in after two suicide bomb attacks in Jerusalem more than a month ago. But Jericho, which has been quiet through most of the Palestinian uprising, is the one West Bank town that has not been occupied.

The Israeli Army was prepared to allow residents in Hebron and Bethlehem to go back to travel more freely, Peres said, although he did not elaborate.

The Army-imposed curfew was lifted for the day Monday in several Palestinian towns, including Hebron. But it remained in effect in Bethlehem.

The curfew has confined some 700,000 Palestinians to their homes for much of the past month, keeping them from jobs and largely shutting down the economy, which has been decimated by 22 months of fighting.

In another development, Israel backed away Sunday from a proposal to deport to the Gaza Strip 21 relatives of suspected Palestinian militants. The 21 were arrested Friday in the West Bank and are relations of two suspected attackers.

The turnaround came after Israeli legal officials said the relatives couldn't be deported unless they were directly linked to attacks. *AP*

$16M may have been lost in Israel's biggest bank robbery

JERUSALEM— Hundreds of safe deposit boxes were robbed at a Tel Aviv bank over the weekend in what is believed to be Israel's biggest bank heist, police said Monday.

Thieves pilfered 454 double-locked safe deposit boxes at the main Tel Aviv branch of Discount Bank sometime between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, said Tel Aviv police spokesperson in Herzberg.

A bank official, Michael Ackerman, said he couldn't yet estimated the amount stolen. Considering the number of safe deposit boxes that were pilfered, Herzberg said she believed it was the biggest bank theft in the country.

Israeli newspapers called it the biggest bank robbery in Israeli history and estimated that the thieves might have gotten away with $16 million, though it wasn't clear how they arrived at that figure.

In July 1999, thieves made off with $6.4 million from 127 safe deposit boxes at a United Mizrahi Bank branch in Holon, a southern suburb of Tel Aviv.

Police officials didn't know how many people were involved in the robbery, but said several thieves broke through a meter-thick cement wall in the bank's basement and crawled into a room containing 5,000 safe deposit boxes.

Ackerman denied reported accounts that a shoemaker next door had said he saw no police respond to an alarm that sounded loudly for two hours Saturday morning.

"This is not true. It's not even possible. The bank's alarm is silent," he said.

In addition to alarms, the bank is equipped with closed-circuit cameras.

Police were questioning two armed guards posted at the bank at the time of the theft, but said it was too early to say if it was an inside job.

Bank employees discovered the break-in as they returned to work Sunday, the start of the Israeli work week, Ackerman said. He said thieves took mostly cash and left jewelry and other valuables behind. *AP*

Mourners begin to bury dead in Lima fire

LIMA, Peru—The number of people killed by a fire at an exclusive disco rose to 28 Sunday as mourners began burying the young men and women, many of whom came from Peru's leading families.

Among the dead were the nieces of Peru's first and second vice president and the daughter of a former congressman.

Health Minister Fernando Carbone raised the number of victims to 28 Sunday when a young woman died after 17 hours in intensive care. Carbone said the victims ranged from 20 to 30 years in age.

The blaze, sparked by bartenders playing with fire, broke out about 3 a.m. Saturday at the unlicensed Utopia disco, a multilevel night club in an upscale shopping mall in Lima's wealthy Surco district.

A bartender had been launching flames into the air by spraying an aerosol can and lighting the jet of gas, witnesses said. Bartenders also were lighting lines of alcohol poured along the bar.

About 1,000 people were jammed into the disco, which officials said could only hold 500 and lacked marked emergency exits, fire extinguishers and a fire alarm.

The fire spread quickly and produced thick clouds of smoke that asphyxiated most of the victims. In the panic, several partygoers accidentally fed the flames when they tried to douse them with cocktails.

The disco was holding a so-called "zoo party" that featured a chimpanzee, a horse, a lion and a tiger on loan from a circus. Smoke killed the caged big cats.

Surco Mayor Carlos Dargent declared three days of mourning, and Peru's Attorney General's office has opened an investigation. *AP*

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Iran accused of bombing Jewish center in Argentina

NEW YORK—A secret deposition obtained by The New York Times asserts that Iran organized and carried out the bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people in 1994.

The sealed testimony of a high-level defector from Iran's intelligence agency also alleges that Iran paid Carlos Saul Menem, Argentina's president at the time of the bombing, $10 million to deny Iran's involvement, the newspaper reported Monday.

The report comes ahead of a December primary ballot that will pick candidates for Argentina's presidential election next year.

Although officials considered a possible Iranian connection early in the bombing investigation, Iran has repeatedly denied such charges and few leads have been reported in the years since.

Menem, still an influential figure in the Peronist party system, is considered a leading presidential contender who has promoted his ambitions for a third term. He governed Argentina from 1989 to 1999.

Menem's former chief of staff, now a key campaign adviser, denied the allegations in the report, calling them politically motivated.

"Every intelligence agency in the world had free passage in Argentina to investigate this case," Alberto Kohan told the newspaper. "We would all like to know who did it."

Eighty-five people were killed and more than 200 injured in the July 18, 1994, car bomb attack on the Jewish Community Cultural Center, one of two such attacks in Buenos Aires in the early 1990s. In March 1992, a blast destroyed the Israeli Embassy, killing 28 people. Jewish leaders have criticized authorities for failing to apprehend those responsible.

An Iranian defector to Germany identified as Abdolghassem Mesbahi asserts in a 100-page transcript of a secret deposition that planning for the attack on the community center was led and supervised by officials inside Iran's intelligence agency and its embassy in Buenos Aires. *AP*

2 ships with nuke cargo evade protesters

SYDNEY—Greenpeace protesters leapt into the sea in front of two ships carrying nuclear waste off the Australian mainland on Monday after an overnight game of maritime cat and mouse.

The controversial transportation of the weapons-grade material is the first of its kind since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, and has sparked international outrage from governments and environmental groups who say the cargo is a tempting target for militants on the high seas.

The lightly armed ships are returning the waste that state-owned British Nuclear Fuels Plc (BNFL) shipped to Japan three years ago but agreed to take back after it emerged BNFL had falsified documentation associated with the cargo.

BNFL described the protesters' actions as "lunacy" and said Greenpeace had "endangered lives".

Greenpeace's "Nuclear Free Flotilla" caught up with the British registered freighters, Pacific Pintail and Pacific Teal, with around 225 kg of plutonium on board, in international waters in the Tasman Sea around dawn on Monday.

New South Wales Sen. Ian Cohen and another protester threw themselves into the water just 400 meters in front of the oncoming ships brandishing a "Nuclear Free Pacific" banner.

Cohen, who jumped into the water with his trademark surfboard, said the protest had been "fantastic" and a triumph for "Aussie surfboard diplomacy".

"The Zodiacs (high-speed rubber boats) were out there chasing the boats for about seven hours and catching them and getting a protest out there in the middle of nowhere was brilliant," he told Reuters by ship-to-shore telephone.

The nuclear ships are currently around 1,000 km east of the Australian mainland and heading south round Tasmania and west around Australia and out across the Indian Ocean.

BNFL hit back at Greenpeace, saying the protesters who had jumped into the sea had endangered not only their own lives but the lives of others.

"To throw themselves into the water in front of the vessel is the height of maritime lunacy and does Greenpeace no credit whatsoever," BNFL spokesperson Mark Scott said in a statement. "They should be condemned for their stupidity."

The Australian Democrats, Greens and Greenpeace have all said the shipment put the Australian mainland at risk but a spokesperson for Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said the government was satisfied about security.

"The appropriate safeguards are in place and the shipment entirely complies with international law. Australia has no position to object," he said.

But New Zealand is unhappy and has ordered its Air Force to track the ships. *Reuters*

PACIFIC TEAL
NUCLEA

PROTESTERS rejoice over "Aussie surfboard diplomacy." REUTERS

Taiwan leader asked to explain threat

TAIPEI—Opposition leaders demanded Monday that Taiwan's leader explain comments he made over the weekend that many suspect were a threat to push the island toward independence—a move that could ignite a war with China.

Despite the pressure, President Chen Shui-bian declined to flesh out Sunday's televised speech that gave China an ultimatum: help Taiwan start peace talks or else the island's people might "walk down our own Taiwanese road to find Taiwan's future."

China has yet to respond to Chen's veiled threat, but the leader of Taiwan's largest opposition party accused the president of being dangerously vague about a sensitive issue.

"As the chairman of his party, Chen Shui-bian should speak clearly," said Lien Chan of the former ruling Nationalist Party. "He should not make the public have to guess about what he means. This is too irresponsible."

Taiwan, just 160 km off China's southeastern coast, has had loose ties with the mainland throughout history. Since the Communist Party took over China in 1949, Taiwan has refused to be governed by Beijing.

Chinese leaders still consider democratic Taiwan to be a province of China under Beijing's rule. They have repeatedly warned that they might use force to take over Taiwan if the island seeks formal independence. The ongoing dispute makes the Taiwan Strait one of Asia's most dangerous potential flashpoints.

Since he was elected two years ago, Chen has invited Chinese leaders to meet him at a peace summit. But the president has refused Beijing's precondition for talks: That he agree that Taiwan is an inseparable part of China. So the standoff has continued.

Chen's comments on Sunday that Taiwan might walk down its own road was an apparent expression of frustration with China. The remarks came just hours after China announced it stole away one of Taiwan's dwindling number of diplomatic allies, the tiny Pacific island of Nauru. *AP*

Killer drought traced to air pollution

DENVER—Nearly two decades after one of the world's most devastating famines in Africa, scientists are pointing a finger at pollution from industrial nations as one of the possible causes.

The starvation brought on by the 1970-85 drought that stretched from Senegal to Ethiopia captured the world's attention with searing images: skeletal mothers staring vacantly, children with bloated bellies lying in the sand, vultures lurking nearby. Before rains finally returned, 1.2 million people had died.

Now, a group of scientists in Australia and Canada say that drought may have been triggered by tiny particles of sulfur dioxide spewed by factories and power plants thousands of miles away in North America, Europe and Asia.

The short-lived pollution particles, known as aerosols, didn't have to travel to Africa to do their dirty work. Instead, they were able to alter the physics of cloud formation miles away and reduce rainfall in Africa as much as 50 percent, say the researchers. *AP*

3 more suspects held in Pearl murder

ISLAMABAD—Pakistani police are holding at least three militants who are believed to have had a hand in the plot to abduct and murder US journalist Daniel Pearl, officials said.

None of the three had been mentioned in the three-month trial by an anti-terrorism court that ended last week with the conviction of four Islamic militants over Pearl's kidnap and murder.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh was sentenced to death for "engineering" the abduction and murder, and three others were given life prison sentences for abetting him. All four men have launched appeals.

The three men in custody, Mazharul Islam alias Mohammad Omar Choto alias Dhobi, Fazal Karim, and Attaur Rehman alias Naeem Bokhari, are all activists of the outlawed Sunni Muslim extremist organization, Lashkar-i-Jhangvi.

Karim, detained in May, has confessed to beheading the Wall Street Journal correspondent, a law enforcement official said on condition of anonymity.

Pearl vanished in the treacherous port city of Karachi on Jan. 23 while investigating Islamic militancy in Pakistan.

Over the following week e-mails containing death threats and photos of Pearl in captivity were sent to news organizations.

On Feb. 21 the US consulate in Karachi received a video cassette depicting Pearl's decapitation by hidden assailants.

Omar, and the three men accused of sending the e-mails, had been arrested earlier that month. Their trial began in April.

Police detained Dhobi in April as part of a crackdown on sectarian militants. Dhobi drew particular attention because he was carrying computer disks, the officials said. *AP*

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—**Real party in interest; indispensable party; necessary party**—A real party in interest is one who stands to be benefited or injured by the judgment of the suit. In this case, petitioner would not be affected by any judgment in the case. If petitioner is not a real party in interest, she cannot be an indispensable party. An indispensable party is one without whom there can be no final determination of an action. Petitioner's participation in the case is not indispensable. Certainly, the trial court can issue a judgment ordering Alberto J. Lopez to make an accounting of his conjugal partnership with respondent, and give support to respondent and their children and dissolve Alberto J. Lopez' conjugal partnership with respondent, and forfeit Alberto J. Lopez' share in property co-owned by him and petitioner. Such judgment would be perfectly valid and enforceable against Alberto J. Lopez. Nor can petitioner be a necessary party in the special proceedings case before the trial court. A necessary party is one who is not indispensable but who ought to be joined as party if complete relief is to be accorded those already parties, or for a complete determination or settlement of the claim subject of the action. In the context of her petitioner in the lower court, respondent would be accorded complete relief if Alberto J. Lopez were ordered to account for his alleged conjugal partnership property with respondent, give support to respondent and her children, turn over his share in the co-ownership with petitioner and dissolve his conjugal partnership or absolute community property with respondent. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Pardo, First Division, Relucio V. Lopez, G.R. No. 138497, January 18, 2002]

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Tuesday, July 23, 2002
16th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel: Mt 12:46-50

While Jesus was still talking to the people, his mother and his brothers wanted to speak to him and they waited outside. So someone said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are just outside; they want to speak with you."Jesus answered, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look! Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is for me brother, sister, or mother."CommentaryOne of the most difficult moments in the life of a missionary is when your parents are "there" getting old and lonely while you devote all efforts to the mission and persons entrusted to your care. On the other hand, one of the happiest moments is when people to whom you have been sent make you feel part of them, a member of their families. Jesus doesn't deny or decrease human family relationships but shows us the higher value of doing God's will. The heart of Jesus beats with human experiences of filial love and friendship, like anybody else, but his life was totally centered on preaching the Kingdom of God, trying always to do his Father's will. Belonging to God's family is our common ground when belonging to a different human family threatens to separate us.

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World's biggest bordello planned in Australia

MELBOURNE—If sex sells, now's a good time to flog it to investors while they mourn the poor performance of most of their investments.

That's the thinking of Australia's largest brothel, the Daily Planet, which unveiled plans on Monday to list its property arm in a bid to build the world's largest floated sex empire.

If the plan succeeds, the Melbourne-based Daily Planet says it will be the world's first listed bordello next to other publicly traded sex industry companies, led by German sex store chain Beate Uhse AG .

"Because the old saying that sex sells is so true, because the adult industry is so massively popular and profitable, we believe the opportunities are unlimited," said Andrew Harris, one of the Daily Planet's three directors.

Prostitution is legal in some parts of Australia, but with certain curbs on it.

Amid the doom of plunging equity markets, the directors were confident that stock in the gaudy property would arouse enthusiastic interest.

"It's a novelty raising that may just perk the market up," Harris told reporters.

Daily Planet owner John Trimble, who set up the business in 1975, first wants to put 48 percent of the company in investors' hands through a A$12-million private equity offering.

He then plans a A$50-million initial public offering to float on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) within the next six to 12 months, which would be the company's second attempt at listing.

For investors wondering how to value a bordello, Harris said they should consider it a stake in a very busy five-star hotel with revenue coming purely from room fees of A$120 an hour from each guest.

The Daily Planet has 18 themed rooms with names like Venus and Xanadu. Its Roman Room is decorated with marble columns and a giant spa. There is also a bar/lounge area with pool tables.

Some of the 18 rooms have beds, showers and heavily chlorinated spas large enough for several guests at a time.

"So when people are looking at the share offer, they should be looking at buying shares in a very successful, very long-established, five-star hotel which has a very high room turnover," Harris said.

The company said the Australian Stock Exchange had informally said it had no moral objections to listing the Daily Planet as long as it met standard listing requirements.

"As at this point we have received no application from the Daily Planet. We welcome their approach," an ASX spokesperson said.

The company aborted its first try at going public in 1994 in the face of Victoria state legislation that would have subjected all investors in sex-related businesses to police checks.

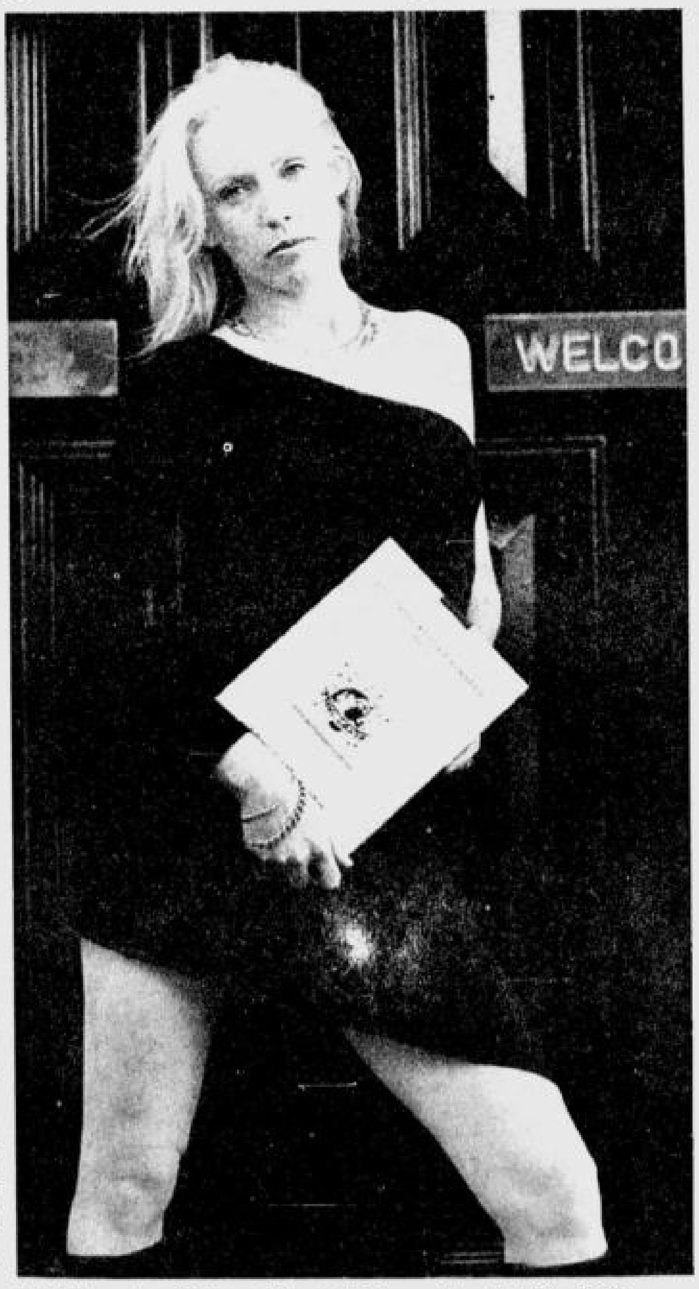
To get the float off the ground this time, Harris came up with the idea of incorporating the property side of the business separately from the brothel operation, so that investors would not be subject to the Prostitution Control Act.

Harris said funds from the A$12-million raising exercise would be used to pay off the company's debt, to buy or develop a bordello in Sydney and buy two major Australian strip clubs.

It was also eyeing sexy lingerie businesses, cabarets and adult products companies, including Internet erotica and pornography seller Sharon Austen Ltd , and in about two years planned to start shopping for purchases offshore.

The Daily Planet planned to put A$1.0 million into a trust to secure a guaranteed 5.9-percent average annual return to shareholders over the first 10 years, or an average 8.4 percent including Australian dividend tax benefits.

"Most public companies can only return dividends of maybe 7 or 8 percent, like we're doing in the initial stages . . . But most of the adult industry makes 60 percent profits, which means you can pay huge dividends," Harris said. *Reuters*



STAFF member Dallas, of Australia's largest brothel, The Daily Planet, stands with a prospectus for their plans to go public in a bid to build the world's largest floated sex empire in Melbourne. REUTERS

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Ship with smuggled rice 'escapes;' cops, other execs face raps

BUTUAN CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) here said it would definitely file graft and corruption and negligence of duty charges before the Office of the Ombudsman-Mindanao against officials of the Coast Guard, the Bureau of Customs and the police following the "escape" of a seized cargo vessel loaded with an estimated P17 million worth of smuggled rice on July 12.

NBI supervising agent Gerry Perdido said investigation showed there was laxity on the part of the Coast Guard, customs and police officials, leading to MV Rodeo's disappearance.

"Someone should be made answerable. This is a big smuggling case depriving the government of taxes," Perdido told the INQUIRER.

MV Rodeo was docked at the Masao port here and was unloading some P17 million worth of smuggled rice, when the cargo was seized by the police on Friday dawn.

But the vessel, with its mooring lines cut, left Friday afternoon, despite warning shots fired by the police.

Perdido said they were also looking into the alleged involvement of a local businessman, several politicians and top police officials in the smuggling.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Leopoldo Las Marias, acting district commander of the Coast Guard in Northern Mindanao, ordered the relief of Masao port petty officer Abelardo Hernandez, pending an investigation.

But Las Marias said the incident was a "pure police operation."

"The PPA (Philippine Port Authority) is partly to be blamed because it has the final say if a vessel is allowed to leave port," he said.

Eduardo Tidalgo, terminal supervisor of the Masao port, said they never allowed the ship to depart because its cargo lacked necessary papers.

Tidalgo said under maritime laws, only the Coast Guard has the authority to allow the departure of "seized cargo vessels." Cebu City-based Sam Shipping Lines reportedly owns MV Rodeo. *Franklin Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Gunmen rob bank in Cebu mall; 1 killed, 4 wounded

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A security guard was killed while three bank employees and a German national were wounded during a daring daylight bank robbery yesterday inside the compound of the SM City Cebu on the North Reclamation Area.

The employees of China Bank branch in SM City had just stepped out of the mall to load several bags of cash to a waiting L-300 van when they were fired upon by at least six men wearing bonnets at about 9:30 a.m. yesterday.

The suspects then grabbed the bags of cash, boarded an L-300 FB-type van and sped off. Police sources said the bags contained about P1.9 million.

Security guard Erwin Beranquil of the Pioneer Detective Agency was killed after he was shot in the head.

Sketchy police reports said three bank employees suffered bullet wounds in the knees and legs. They were identified as Sherily Uy, Jade Saranillo, and Beverly Beranil.

A stray bullet hit the knee of German national Nichole Jacobic. The police said Jacobic and her brother were waiting for the SM City to open at 10 a.m. The banks inside the mall open at 9 a.m.

Initial police investigation showed that Beranquil and another security guard, Lito Minoza, were escorting the bank employees who were about to transport the money to the China Bank main branch on Magallanes Street in downtown Cebu City.

Beranquil was walking ahead of Miñoza who was pushing the cart where the bags containing the money were placed. They were supposed to load the bags to a van parked outside Gate 8 of SM City when they were attacked by the masked armed men.

Policemen from Cebu City and Mandaue City conducted hot pursuit operations shortly after receiving the robbery alarm.

The get-away van with Plate No. PJU 876 was later found abandoned inside a residential compound owned by Andrew Jiminez in Barangay Subangdaku, Mandaue City.

Ireneo Caspe, truck driver of Sterling Tobacco, said he was driving his truck to get inside the compound when he found the van blocking the road. He checked the van but found it empty. However, the key was still in the ignition.

Caspe said he moved the van so his truck could get inside the compound. He told investigators he did not know the van was used in the robbery.

Supt. Herman Lungayan Jr., Cebu City police chief for operations, said the police homicide, theft and robbery section and the Cebu Investigation and Intelligence Bureau were tasked to investigate the robbery and determine the identities of the suspects.

GMA urged to protect ancestral land titles

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Now that President Macapagal-Arroyo has the first ancestral domain title under her cap of accomplishments, will she protect it?

The Chamber of Mines, caught flatfooted by the release of the country's first Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT), wants the government to explain the title's impact on mine resources.

The mining industry response has alarmed indigenous peoples rights advocates here about potential court suits from real estate, mining and logging sectors, and even from government corporations.

The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples is now processing other CADTs covering the Aetas of Pampanga, the lumads of Mindanao, communities in Benguet and Mt. Province and parts of Kalinga that are wracked by tribal conflict.

"We have never been against the indigenous Filipinos. We want to protect their rights. But this issue has become political, that we are drowned by a David-and-Goliath reaction to our legitimate issues about ownership," said Nelia Halcon, executive vice president of the Chamber of Mines.

In principle, the mining industry welcomes the first CADT, but it remains cautious about the title's ultimate repercussion on the metals trade, said Redempta Baluda, spokesperson of the Philex Mining Corp.

Halcon said the mining industry doesn't want to confront the contradictions between the 1997 Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (Ipra), and the land ownership system referred to as the Regalian Doctrine.

This doctrine grants the state the final authority in the disposition, exploitation and sale of all natural resources.

The industry response has provoked indigenous peoples rights advocates here to urge Ms Macapagal to provide the CADT with enough legal protection.

"(Malacañang) should make sure it is able to withstand legal questions. This is most important to us because it is government, which has been contesting our rights as Ibaloi claimants," according to the Baguio-Benguet Ancestral Land Claimants Association.

The CADT was issued on Saturday to Kankaney and Bago tribesmen living in Bakun, Benguet.

NCIP Chair Evelyn Dunuan (not Dulnuan as earlier reported) said the government had weeded out all the "excessive legal driftwood" found in the Bakun domain claim to make the Bakun CADT "invulnerable" to the most legal challenges posed by the Regalian Doctrine.

Lawyer Leilene Carantes-Gallardo, NCIP Cordillera director, said present laws already define ancestral land claims as inherently private ownership.

But the mine firms are now wary of the new rules set by the NCIP covering the mandatory prerequisite for government or commercial ventures that penetrate ancestral lands or domains.

Mayor's foe denies slay plot

COTABATO CITY—The political rival of Mayor Salipongan Dagloc of Kabuntalan, Maguindanao, denied any hand in an attempt to assassinate the mayor on Friday last week.

Susan Samad, who was contesting Dagloc's assumption as mayor, said her rival has many enemies and was facing charges in courts.

"It would be foolish for me or my followers to attack Dagloc since I was already declared by the Comelec as the real winner," Samad said.

Samad said on July 18, Comelec came out with a decision declaring her winner.

The mayoral row came after the same board of canvassers separately proclaimed them as mayors right after last year's elections.

On Friday, an aide of Dagloc was killed while his son and another companion were wounded after armed men ambushed them.

Police arrested one of the attackers.

Senior. Supt. Sanggacala Dampac, Cotabato City police chief, said the attempt on Dagloc's life was politically motivated. *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

DOH notes rise in dengue cases in Eastern Visayas

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

PALO, Leyte—The Department of Health recorded a rise in dengue fever cases in Eastern Visayas with two deaths during the first half of this year.

The DOH in the region recorded 350 dengue fever cases from January to June. The figure was higher than the 260 cases recorded over the same period last year.

Ligaya Anacta Acosta, DOH regional information officer, however, told reporters that despite the increase in the number of cases of dengue fever, there is no dengue outbreak in the region.

She said that for an outbreak to be declared, the number of cases should be concentrated in a single place or in a clustered area.

Acosta said the number of fatalities from dengue fever also dropped. Four persons died of dengue fever last year. The two persons who died of the disease during the January-June period this year were a 3-year-old boy from Tanauan town and an 8-year-old boy from Tacloban City, both in Leyte.

The 350 persons who fell ill as a result of dengue fever were between ages 5 to 77 years old, she added.

Based on the DOH records, Acosta said Tacloban had the most number of dengue cases at 134, followed by Samar province with 78 cases.

The same record showed that 73 cases were reported in Leyte province, 22 in Eastern Samar, 13 in Biliran and 11 in Southern Leyte. Nineteen cases were reported in Ormoc City.

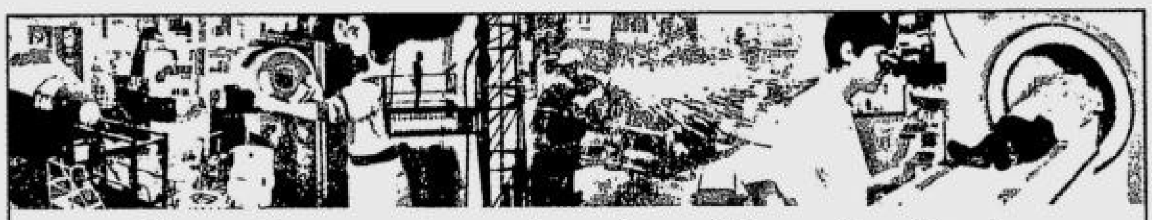
Not a single case of dengue fever was reported in Northern Samar, according to Acosta.

Dengue virus comes from the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, which are known to breed only in clear stagnant waters and bite only in the early morning and late afternoon.

They usually breed and hide in jars, vases, open drains, tin cans and open tires, among other materials that lie around the house.

Acosta urged the public to clean their surroundings to prevent the spread of the dengue virus. "A clean environment is still the best method in stopping the spread of the disease," she said.

At the height of a dengue outbreak in the country, thousands of children were sent to hospitals and scores had been reported to have died of the mosquito-borne disease.



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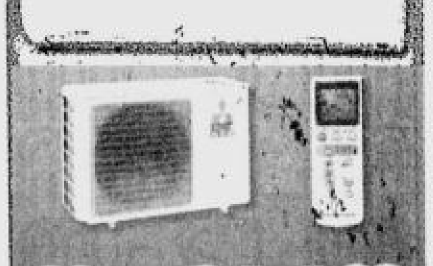

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western section of Central and Northern Luzon will experience rains and occasional gusty winds. The rest of Luzon and Western Visayas will have monsoon rains.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Monsoon Rains	Hi 29°	Lo 23°
Baguio	Rains	Hi 21°	Lo 15°
Tuguegarao	Monsoon Rains	Hi 33°	Lo 26°
Laoag	Monsoon Rains	Hi 32°	Lo 25°
Clark Zone	Monsoon Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 23°
Tagaytay	Monsoon Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 21°
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Hi 31°	Lo 24°
Calapan	Monsoon Rains	Hi 31°	Lo 22°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Monsoon Rains	Hi 30°	Lo 24°
Roxas	Monsoon Rains	Hi 30°	Lo 24°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31°	Lo 24°
Tacloban	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33°	Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 22°
Davao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 22°

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ROUNDUP

Coed released

SAN ISIDRO, Davao Oriental—A court here on Thursday ordered the release of Leah Mae Jabiles, 19, a social work graduate of the Ateneo de Davao University. Jabiles, who was captured with two other girls suspected to be members of the New People's Army, was earlier tagged by her military captor as a ranking official of the NPA's Front Committee 18 based in Lupon and San Isidro towns. She was charged with illegal possession of firearms after she was captured in a military operation in Barangay Iba here on July 9. San Isidro Municipal Trial Court acting judge Rodolfo Castro said Jabiles' military captor, Cpl. Edgar Abquiz, withdrew his complaint against the accused and that the police prosecutor moved for the dismissal of the case.

Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Warning for gov't men

MATI, Davao Oriental—Governor Maria Elena Palma Gil vowed to look into reports that some officials are using government vehicles for their personal use. "I will not tolerate such irregularity," Palma Gil said. The governor added that "anomalies have no room in my administration" as she vowed to punish officials who use the government vehicles for their personal travel.

Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

5 nabbed for shabu

CEBU CITY—Police have arrested five persons from Mindanao for selling more than 300 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) inside a restaurant at a shopping mall here. The suspects—Crispin Leonardo, 40, of Tabit, Ozamis City; his wife Senda, 32; their two nephews Marlon, 28, and Mario, 23 of Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur; and Junjie Palma, 26, of Tibaga, Cagayan de Oro City—were caught in a buy-bust operation inside the restaurant on Saturday. Police said the suspects were big-time drug dealers. Charges of violating the anti-drugs law were filed against them.

Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau

Carabaos distributed

TAGBILARAN CITY—A non-government group reported that it has distributed 518 carabaos to Boholano farmers. The carabaos are a big help to farmers of Balilihan, Antequera, Sikatuna, Catigbian, Batuan, San Isidro and Sevilla towns. At least 198 goats have also been distributed in Balilihan, Antequera, Sikatuna and Catigbian by the Heifer International Philippines. The NGO said it will expand its livelihood support program to 12 towns with a budget of P30 million.

Chito A. Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

More cops

TAGBILARAN CITY— The Bohol provincial board unanimously passed last week a resolution requesting the Philippine National Police in Central Visayas to give priority to Bohol in providing additional policemen to reinforce the existing police force. Bohol recently got 43 new policemen but provincial officials said they were not enough as the province continues to be threatened not only by communist rebels but also by rising criminality.

Chito A. Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

Harelips treated

CALAPAN CITY—Some 22 harelip patients were treated during a recent medical mission undertaken by the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital, Mercy Link Global Ministry Foundation and Cranio-Facial Foundation of the Philippines. OMPH chief Aristeo V. Baldeos said the medical mission gave hope to those who cannot afford harelip surgery.

Donna S. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NBI files 22 cases

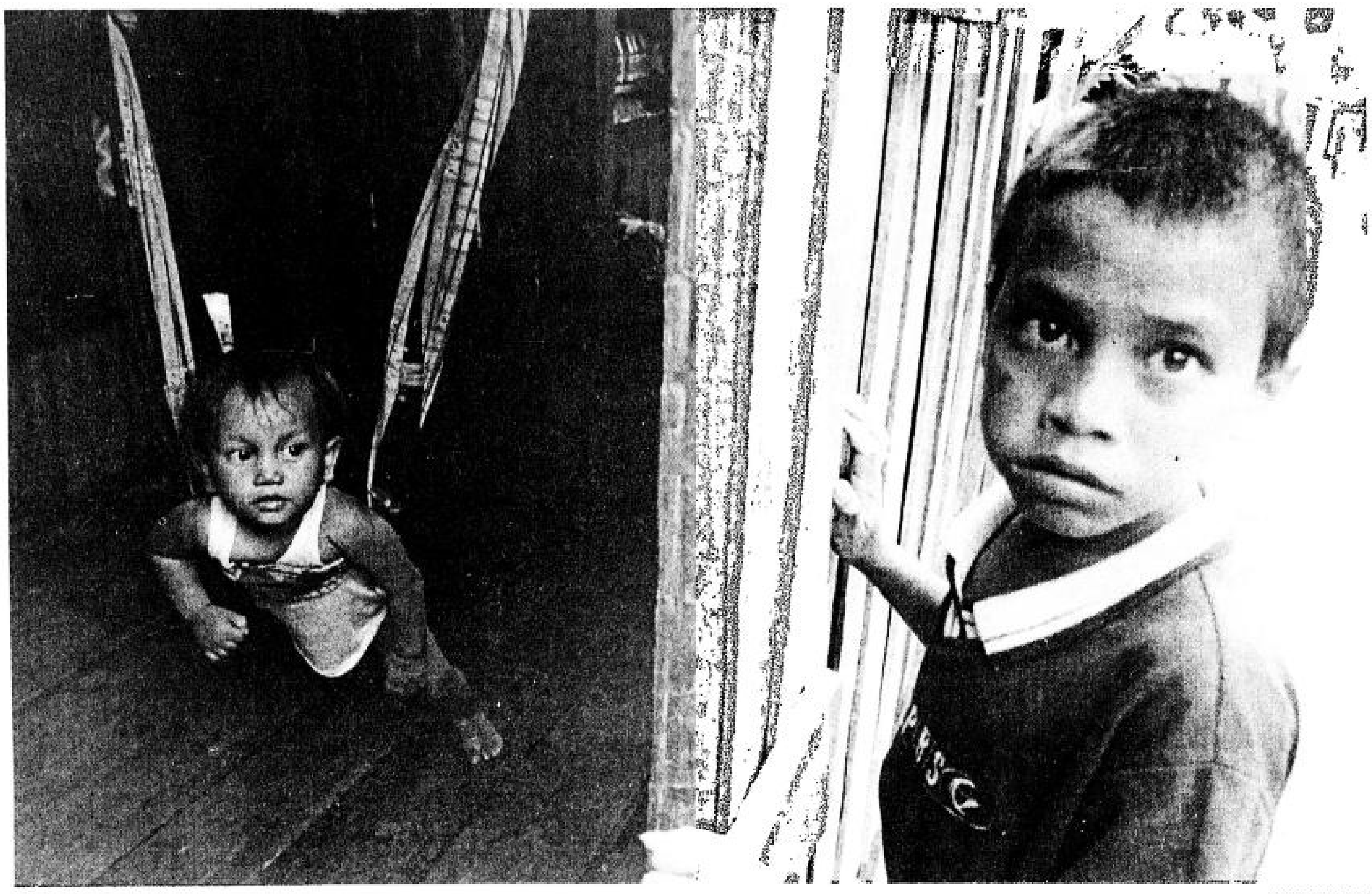
CALAPAN CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation said that since the opening of its Oriental Mindoro office on Oct. 18 last year, it has filed 20 major cases in various courts. These include child abuse, large-scale estafa, murder, illegal recruitment, illegal gambling, robbery/extortion, rape, qualified theft and homicide. NBI provincial chief Mario Minor said they have been serving Mindoreños in need of clearances for local, national and international work, sparing them from the hassle of lining up for several days at the NBI office in Manila.

Donna S. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Relief mission

CALAPAN CITY—Some 49 members of Gabriela, volunteer doctors and foreign volunteers from the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Belgium recently conducted a three-day service mission in selected places in Oriental Mindoro. Emmie de Jesus, Gabriela deputy secretary general, said they gave relief goods and medicines to Mindoreños who were caught in the crossfire between government soldiers and the New People's Army, and who were forced to evacuate. The group also looked into reports of human rights violations, which were documented by Bayan Muna and Karapatan Mo.

Donna S. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



APPREHENSION

DENNIS SABANGAN

Apprehension is clear on the face of this Samal boy who watches over a younger sibling at the heart of Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte, where government soldiers recently went on an offensive against Abu Sayyaf bandits.

13,000 farmers threaten to storm gold mining site to stop mercury pollution

DAVAO CITY—An estimated 13,000 farmers from at least four barangays of Monkayo in Compostela Valley threatened to storm the gold-rush area in the province in an effort to force small-scale miners away from "their dangerous gold processing activities on Mt. Diwata."

The farmers said they would destroy ball mills because of the miners' continued refusal to heed the cease-and-desist order on gold processing earlier issued by Monkayo Mayor Joel Brillantes.

Brillantes issued the order early this year citing as reason rising mercury contamination in the province's major waterways.

Mercury is extensively used in gold processing activities on Mt. Diwata.

"We were ready to die. We do not mind violence if this would end the problem brought about by mining here," Arturo Baltazar, barangay captain of Babag, Monkayo, Compostela Valley and a farmer leader, said.

Baltazar said they were not asking the miners to totally abandon the gold mines but to relocate their ball mills where farmlands would be safe from pollution.

However, Baltazar said the farmers would spare the gold plant owned by Brillantes' JB Management.

"We would only target those still operational. Mayor Brillantes' plant has stopped operations there," he said.

But Franco Tito, barangay captain of Diwalwal and spokesperson of the small-scale miners, said they were ready for any eventuality.

He also lashed at the farmers "for allowing Brillantes to use them."

"Let us see. We have no problem on that. If they want to die on Brillantes' side, then so be it. Even ants would fight back an aggressor. If they go on with their plan, then they will see," Tito said in an interview.

Tito said it was unfortunate for Brillantes to pursue his closure order just as the miners have agreed to find a peaceful solution to the decades-old conflict in the gold-rush area.

On July 1, President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered Brillantes to stop the implementation of the order negotiations.

Baltazar said they would urge Brillantes to re-implement his order.

"If we need to bring him to (Diwata) to oversee the dismantling of the ball mills, then we will gladly do so. We have been fighting against pollution and we could no longer stand the pollution caused by the ball mills," he said.

Naboc barangay captain Elena Talaid said the production of farmers have been decreasing due to the operation of the ball mills.

Earlier, small-scale miners expressed support for the government's proposal to declare the 729-hectare gold rush site and its vicinity as environmentally critical and transform it into a government mineral reservation area.

Diwalwal barangay chair Franco Tito said it was high time for the government to be firm and exercise its authority over the area to end the 20-year-old mining issue.

Joel Lozano, chair of the Crisis Management Committee of the Monkayo Integrated Small Scale Miners Association (Missma), said the proposed declaration was long-overdue.

"We have no doubt on the proposal. We just want to know what is the process," Lozano said. *Anthony S. Allada and Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Murder hounds journalists, says press group

DAVAO CITY—The year 1994 was the most violent year for the media industry with at least 66 reporters, cameramen and photographers getting killed worldwide during that period.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) reported in its website that from the year 1992 to 2001, a total of 389 journalists were killed while carrying out their jobs.

The journalists, the report said, were everywhere documenting wars involving nations and rebel groups against their governments.

But the CPJ, an organization founded in 1981 to monitor abuses against journalists, said that most of the journalists who died were murdered and were not mere victims of crossfire.

"While conflict and war provide the backdrop to much of the violence against the press, CPJ research demonstrates that the vast majority of journalists (who were) killed since 1992 did not die in crossfire," the CPJ report said.

CPJ statistics showed that only 62 journalists or 16 percent of the 389 journalists who were killed died in crossfire.

Seventy-seven percent or 298 were murdered by persons who sought reprisal after the journalists had offended the murder masterminds through their reporting.

In many cases, the CPJ said that journalists were murdered either to prevent them from reporting on corruption or human rights abuses or to punish them after they have done so.

Other victims of violence against journalists, the CPJ report said, were killed in conflict situations "that cannot be described as combat" or during violent street demonstrations.

The CPJ report also said that most cases of murder of journalists remain unsolved.

Since 1992, the CPJ said it recorded only 20 cases in which the person or persons who ordered a journalist's murder have been arrested and prosecuted.

"That means that in 94 percent of the cases, those who murder journalists do so with impunity," the CPJ said.

Fifty-three of the 298 journalists who were murdered, the CPJ report said, were threatened before they were killed.

Of the 389 total cases of deaths of journalists from 1992 to 2001, CPJ statistics showed that 25 of the victims were kidnapped before they were murdered.

In its breakdown of cases of violence against journalists, the organization said 18 of those killed were females.

The CPJ said the most deadly country for journalists during the last decade was Algeria, where 60 local journalists have been killed especially at the height of the "bitter civil conflict" in the Muslim country between 1993 and 1996.

But last May, it picked Mindanao as one of the 10 worst places for journalists to be in. *Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Comelec resets barangay polls in flooded areas

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The postponed barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in almost 300 flooded villages in three Central Luzon provinces will resume on July 28, the Commission on Elections said.

Elections on July 15 were selectively deferred in Pampanga, Bulacan and Bataan after monsoon rains and three typhoons flooded the villages.

Rains brought by typhoon "Juan" on Saturday, however, caused floodwaters to rise, according to the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council.

Floodwaters hardly receded in at least 868 villages in 76 towns in Central Luzon, according to reports.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the region said the floods have affected almost a million residents.

Police and military officials in separate interviews during the weekend said 18,000 policemen and soldiers would be deployed for the July 28 elections.

The Comelec had warned candidates not to campaign in the days leading to the resumption of the elections.

In Bulacan, heavy rains brought by typhoon Juan flooded 41 villages in the province and affected 60,000 people.

The stretch of MacArthur Highway is no longer passable to all types of vehicles.

Reports of violence had forced the Comelec to declare the elections a failure in some areas. *Tonette Orejas with a report from Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Bacoor water company assailed for poor service

RESIDENTS of a subdivision in Bacoor, Cavite are up in arms over a waterworks firm's plan to increase its rates instead of act on consumers' complaint against bad service.

Capt. Prudencio P. Toledo, president of the Sorrento Townhouse Association Inc. (STHAI) in a letter to the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) urged it not to grant Southwell Waterwork Inc.'s (SWI) rate increase.

In a statement, Toledo said the SWI, instead of acknowledging his letter, now threatens to cut the supply of water if residents won't pay the new rates. He said the firm was found earlier to be operating illegally.

It started when Toledo wrote the SWI on March 10 complaining of poor water quality and inadequate supply. Southwell's reply was to announce increased water rates from P80 for the first 15 cu m to P130 for the first 10 cu. m.

GMA extends help to Siamese twins

BAGUIO CITY—Recalling the help she extended to Siamese twins in Buguias, Benguet, three years ago, President Macapagal-Arroyo on Sunday ordered her aides to release funds for the surgery of another set of Siamese twins born in Pasil, Kalinga, on July 1.

"(Ms Macapagal) was vice president when she took custody of the Buguias twins. She wants to help again and she is releasing money from her presidential social fund," said Edgardo Manda, general manager of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Manda, who was chair of the Kaibigan ni Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (KGMA), supervised the transfer and care of Siamese twins Valerie and Valerhia Agnasi of Buguias in 1999. But the twins died after recuperating from surgery.

The medical prognosis on Grace and Rachel Lawel, children of a Kalinga farmer, was good, said Kalinga Gov. Macario Duguiang.

Delivered by caesarian section on July 1, the twins, weighing 4.52 kg, were born connected at the chest and abdomen.

But their vital organs are not linked and are functioning independently, said Kalinga doctors, unlike the Agnasi twins whose heart membranes and organs were fused.

The Agnasi pair died of complications weeks after their surgical separation at the Philippine General Hospital.

Duguiang said he is taking the twins to the Philippine Children's Medical Hospital in Quezon City if the doctors allowed the transfer.

"If the President will provide them help, we will be very, very grateful," he told the INQUIRER by telephone. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Gloria's Sona draws cheers and jeers

By Rocky Nazareno,
Doris C. Dumlao
and Juliet L. Javellana

AS EXPECTED, President Macapagal-Arroyo's declared accomplishments and blueprint for action drew both cheers and jeers.

Senate President Franklin Drilon aired the assurance that with the administration coalition regaining the majority in the chamber, it would "work closely" with Ms Macapagal to "fulfill her vision of a strong republic."

"We are in full agreement with her that government institutions must be strengthened in order for the bureaucracy to deliver services to our people," Drilon said.

Speaker Jose de Venecia said in a statement that the President had "proved her critics wrong."

"Her achievements on the promises she made last year are substantial," De Venecia said. "Her launching of a strong state is important if we are to overtake the economic tigers of Southeast Asia. And her declaration of war on terrorism and organized crime speaks well of her determination to restore greater investor confidence in the Philippines and to protect citizens from lawless elements."

Makati Business Club (MBC) executive director Guillermo Luz said the three concerns that Ms Macapagal dwelt on in her State of the Nation Address were also the business sector's concerns.

Donald Dee, president of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines, said the Sona was a clear indication of her "strong will."

But foreign brokers said the speech did not offer positive surprises and was not likely to excite the battered stock market.

"It will be completely ignored," said Ed Bancod, research head of the foreign brokerage firm BNP Paribas Peregrine. "There's nothing there that the market doesn't already know. Something else is affecting the stock market, and it's the global markets."

Opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara also sounded a dour note, saying the President "failed to draw on the large canvas a big, big picture of what we and our country can hope for."

He said that the President drew "no more than small scrapes of paint on a canvas," and that "we cannot say that she is giving us our marching orders."

The absence of some of Angara's colleagues in the opposition—Senators Sergio Osmeña III, John Osmeña, Teresa Aquino-Oreta, Panfilo Lacson, Luisa Ejercito, Gregorio Honasan and Aquilino Pimentel—appeared to constitute their reaction to the Sona.

A number of them were said to have been turned back by the heavy traffic on Commonwealth Avenue. But the reason for the absence of the others could not be immediately known.

Falling short

Some of the President's allies in the House said she was on target but somehow fell short of presenting specific points on building a strong republic, particularly on addressing poverty.

"A strong republic is dependent on its capability to feed its own people because when the people are hungry, there will always be instability," said Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri.

He also said peace and order should be second only to combating poverty.

Negros Occidental Rep. Jun Lozada, also of Lakas, said "specific definitions" were lacking.

"At least she has a vision, but I think the specific definitions of a strong republic were missing," he said. "There's still a need for us to craft those definitions."

Batanes Rep. Florencio Abad, president of the Liberal Party, said the President was correct in calling for a strong republic.

He said one of its aspects was political stability, and noted that the President had been criticized for lacking sufficiently broad support from Congress and civil society.

Abad said the Senate impasse should have been "handled well from the very start" but that Ms Macapagal was reluctant to intervene.

ENOUGH, members of Bayan tell police after protesters dismantle the steel railing to keep them as far as possible from the approaches to the Batasang Pambansa where the President was delivering her Sona. DENNIS SABANGAN

"But as head of the coalition, it is her obligation to deliver a strong government," he pointed out.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said he could not "see her stones"—a reference to that part in the Sona when Ms Macapagal said Presidents were merely called to add "fine stones" to the "whole edifice of a nation."

He said that while the President spoke about building a strong republic, she offered no concrete steps to address poverty and improve the economy.

The party list representative also said they would oppose the anti-terrorism bill that the President was pushing because of its "dangerous" provisions.

More to be done

Senate President Pro Tempore Manuel Villar said that "despite the pronouncements of success by the President, there is much more to be done."

"We cannot proclaim that we have accomplished our mission as long as widespread poverty exists, corruption is rampant, and peace and order remains a problem," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda said the Sona was "specific, concise and sincere in its message to the people."

But opposition Sen. Rodolfo Biazon chided Ms Macapagal for her "strong words and motherhood statements."

"Strong words do not make a strong republic," he said. "These should be propped up by policies and programs through critical collaboration with the opposition."

Administration Sen. Francis Pangilinan lauded the President for being "honest enough to say that she needs to do better in certain areas such as law and order, corruption, cost of power and job opportunities."

"What the President identified were, in fact, the gut issues of the day, and she needs all the help she can get to achieve positive results in these areas," he said.

But Oreta said in a statement that the President's "surfeit of statistics" were "meaningless to the *masa* and ordinary consumers in the face of the ever spiraling cost of living, the rising incidence of moderate hunger and the fast-swelling ranks of the unemployed."

She said the strong republic "appears to be a myth against the backdrop of nearly 5 million jobless Filipinos and 1.3 million households, or about 6.5 million Filipinos, who experienced hunger in the past quarter."

Right on track

From the United States where he is fulfilling speaking engagements, former President Fidel Ramos said Ms Macapagal was "right on track in giving priority to the fight against terrorism and lawlessness."

Ramos said he expected improvement in the investment climate with the administration's efforts to restore law and order.

But broker Bancod pointed out that the market was "forward-looking" and that the Sona "merely discussed the accomplishments."

"I think the market is less interested in the past than on plans on what to do in the future," he said.

Another foreign broker, who asked not to be named, said the Sona would not likely be a catalyst when the market opens today.

"It definitely will not have a positive influence, but definitely, it won't have a negative effect either," the broker said.

The MBC's Luz noted that the Sona emphasized three concerns shared by the business community:

- On peace and order, such as kidnapping and terrorism, which he said was consistent with the prevailing view that these problems had reached alarming levels.
- On smuggling, which he said was robbing the government of much-needed revenues and curbing job opportunities offered by legitimate enterprises.
- On working with Congress for the passage of crucial economic bills such as the special purpose asset vehicle bill.

"These are all the things we agree with and support," Luz said.

Failure

Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen of the House opposition pronounced the President "a failure" and her speech "mere rhetoric."

He said the President rehashed her first Sona targets, paid lip service to poverty and misled the people into believing that they had gotten relief for high power rates.

House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla said many of the figures cited by Ms Macapagal in her target accomplishments were untrue.

"We strongly doubt the veracity of her accomplishments," he said.

But Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez said he was impressed by the President's speech, which he described as "a realistic picture" with "gains" and "shortcomings."

"Let us give her a chance to bring this nation from the valley of despair to the mountaintop of hope," he said.

Iloilo Rep. Augusto Syjuco Jr. said the President deserved a passing mark "particularly for earnest, honest effort" to govern well.

"But the more important point we are missing here is that she has targets—a plan of action, a set course, an unmistakable policy direction," he said.

'A strong republic'

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road she had taken from People Power II.

The President also said that, like the price of *galunggong*, the cost of rice had not increased since last year.

"The poor can still buy rice at P16 per kilo in the market and at P14 in the rolling stores," she said.

Ms Macapagal said that according to macro-economic indicators, "things are under control," with inflation kept low by stable food prices and declining power costs.

The *galunggong* bit is not exactly new. During the campaign for the 1985 snap presidential election, Corazon Aquino used it to show how life had worsened under the 16-year Marcos dictatorship.

That simple statement about how much *galunggong* prices had gone up helped win the people to her side.

Working agenda

The President said her "working agenda" for the next year would focus on creating and improving job opportunities.

"Citizens with rewarding jobs paying decent wages constitute not just a stone in the edifice but the very foundation of a strong republic," she said.

It is this strong republic that will serve as the "bedrock of the victory we seek over poverty within the decade," she said.

As she had announced earlier, Ms Macapagal said she intended to generate jobs and draw investments by addressing three major concerns: graft and corruption, peace and order, and high power costs.

Speaking about corruption, she admitted that corruption "weakened the flow of investments into the country."

To combat corruption, the President issued these directives:

- For the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission to release a report on the cases filed against presidential appointees in government.
- For the Department of Justice to file cases against erring state prosecutors and trial court judges.
- For the Philippine National Police to apply strictly the principle of command responsibility in the campaign against kidnapping, gambling, drug trafficking and rampant smuggling.
- For the Bureau of Customs to go after big-time smugglers and, in coordination with the DOJ, charge these felons with economic sabotage, a non-bailable offense punishable by the death penalty.
- For the Bureau of Internal Revenue to improve its systems, audit and prosecution in order to go after tax evaders.

Fighting words

Ms Macapagal used fighting words in talking about peace and order, and declared a renewed war against criminal and terrorist groups.

"I am determined to build a strong republic by breaking the back of terrorism and criminality," she said, adding:

"Indeed, we are at war: at war with the terrorists, at war with the kidnappers, at war with the drug lords. And we are determined to win decisive victories on all fronts."

She said that criminal syndicates were "direct threats to national security," and that "they will feel the full brunt of the arsenal of democracy."

"As Commander in chief, I am taking a direct hand in the war against the enemies of the republic," she said.

The President said she wanted to "smash" the remaining 21 active kidnapping syndicates, particularly the biggest ones—the Bucala and Fajardo gangs—within a year.

She pointed out that since she took over, the government had killed or captured 170 kidnappers.

On the anti-drug front, the President said her administration was organizing the New Dangerous Drugs Board and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency in the battle against drug lords, whom she branded as "enemies of the state."

She said law enforcers had seized so far P5 billion worth of drugs and laboratory equipment, "in the largest drug busts ever in our history of crime fighting."

Elevating the drug menace to the level of a national security problem and no longer just a police problem, the President said she was instructing the Armed Forces "to field military resources for intelligence and soldiers in drug raids in support of civilian law enforcement."

On the anti-terrorism front, she reported that while her government had defeated the Abu Sayyaf, there was still a need to break "the cycle of terrorism and criminality."

"To that end, we shall enhance our strategic relationship with the United States through continuing training exercises to sharpen our soldiers' capabilities to move and communicate, to fix and finish off their targets," she said.

She added that she would wage the war against crime and terrorism on behalf of the victims: "To them I say, 'We shall redeem your pain, we shall redeem your loss.'"

Plugged loopholes

To strengthen the country's legal armory, the President asked Congress to pass an anti-terrorism bill to "plug the loopholes by which crimes spread and democracy is undermined."

She said the executive branch would submit a budget proposal to Congress that would allocate more resources to crime fighting.

On the issue of power costs, she reported with pride that only her administration had confronted the purchased power adjustment (PPA) and brought it down, giving consumers a measure of relief.

To bring power costs down further, she asked the state-run National Power Corp. and the Lopez-owned Manila Electric Co. to stop their bickering.

She urged the two entities to "work together to give price incentives to large users so that excess power can be utilized, economic activity can be encouraged, and jobs can be created."

Ms Macapagal also said the country would soon have the "first-ever wholesale electricity spot market in Asia."

"In due time, we will give electric consumers the power to choose their electricity suppliers," she said. "We are giving you the power of choice."

She called on Congress to pass the franchise bill for the state-run National Transmission Corp., as another measure to make electric service more efficient and more reliable.

She also identified the other measures that she called on Congress to pass—a bill making farmland acceptable as loan collateral; the proposed Special Purpose Vehicle Act aiming to encourage asset management companies to put back into productive circulation assets tied in problematic loans; the absentee voting bill for overseas Filipino workers; and a bill granting dual citizens to OFWs.

Stones

The President said that in building the "whole edifice of a nation," her late father, former President Diosdado Macapagal, himself set his own stone: that of social justice.

"My countrymen, the fine stone I should like to add to the edifice of our nation, right above the stone of social justice that my father left behind, is a strong republic," she said.

For such a stone, she said, "I intend to be well remembered."

The President mentioned only the targets she had met from among those she set in her first Sona.

She did not mention her promise last year to create a million jobs.

But she pointed out that she had fulfilled her promise to the three Payatas boys—Jayson Vann Banogan, Erwin Dolera and Jomar Pabalan—for scholarship and livelihood for their parents.

She said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was still preparing the documents that would allow their parents and 700 other Payatas families to buy their land from the government. ***With a report from Christine Avendaño***

WITH bare hands, protesters dare to breach police lines along Commonwealth Avenue. DENNIS SABANGAN

Dayrit optimistic drug firms will heed GMA warning

By Armand N. Nocum

MANY of the country's 84 local and international drug companies will heed the President's call to drop prices of medicines or sell cheap ones in commercial pharmaceutical outlets.

This was the optimistic response of Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit yesterday to President Macapagal-Arroyo's call to lower the prices of medicines during her State of the Nation Address.

In her speech, the President said that except for Unilab, "the wider distribution network of commercial drugstores—under pressure from multinational drug companies—will not sell cheaper medicines."

Contrary to Dayrit's optimism, executives of drug companies interviewed by the INQUIRER—speaking on condition of anonymity—expressed reservations whether their foreign principals would pay attention to the President's address.

In a radio interview with the state-owned Radyo ng Bayan, Dayrit admits that dropping prices or selling cheap medicines is easier said than done.

"We are under a free market economy, market mechanism must dictate it," he said of plans to get drug companies to reduce prices and medical distribution firms to sell them.

Dayrit was interviewed in Congress, following the President's vow to take "punitive measures against pharmaceutical firms" to correct the "unfair, unjust, and heartless situation."

Dayrit remains promised to "convince other manufacturers to bring down prices." Although they already succeeded in making cheap medicines available in government hospitals, he said "we need to spread it out through the private sector."

Jaworski fastbreak one 'last favor' to pa

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ate," said Revilla, still sporting a neck brace after two spinal surgeries in the United States.

Revilla also noted the role played by former Finance Secretary Edgardo Espiritu, a nephew of his, in convincing Jaworski to support the leadership of Senate President Franklin Drilon. But the former movie actor did not elaborate.

Facing the media for the first time since announcing his defection, Jaworski said he had agonized over his decision to leave the opposition. "I have been agonizing since I arrived on Saturday," he said.

He said Revilla played a crucial role in his decision, after his father-in-law told him that something "uncontrollable" might happen if he did not break the impasse.

"I feel that if the 12-12 position in the Senate continues, this could be an avenue that will rub off (sic) on other institutions or our country. I believe that something has to be done so that the Senate will start moving."

He pointed out that Senate rules did not specifically provide a way out of a 12-12 deadlock.

Apology owed

Jaworski acknowledged that he owed each member of the Senate opposition an apology, and said he was willing to apologize to them personally.

He said he held Senators Angara, Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Vicente Sotto III and Panfilo Lacson in "very high esteem."

Sen. John Osmeña, whose switch to the opposition in June precipitated the Senate coup, said he could not blame Jaworski for leaving the opposition because of the pressure from his family.

"That is an understandable thing," he said. "You know, in politics in this country, I have always said it's not a matter of a program of government or of political principles but of personal considerations or local partisan considerations."

But Sen. Manny Villar, alluding to Jaworski's reputation as the dominant basketball athlete of his generation, said Jaworski's move was a "fastbreak" that caught everyone by surprise, particularly the opposition.

"It was a good gesture. It is something that helped break the impasse and we welcome him to the administration coalition," Villar said.

Jaworski cited Revilla's "key role" in convincing him to transfer. "He asked me what will happen in the Senate, and to the country in general, if we remain locked at 12-12," Jaworski said.

He said Revilla confronted him with questions such as: "With 12-12, what can we do? And what will happen to our country?"

"I have been waiting for a solution. And I cannot deny the fact that my father-in-law is on the other side and he had done his share of telling me what will happen (if the Senate remained deadlocked)," Jaworski said.

Opposition reaction

Opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara said he was both shocked and saddened by the sudden turn of events.

He recalled that Jaworski even assured him on Saturday that he would not join the administration, only to renege on his promise the next day. Another source told the INQUIRER, however, that Jaworski's defection was already a done deal as early as last week.

"But I have no rancor, no bitterness. Just sadness," he told reporters. Angara said that Jaworski was very apologetic when they met at the Senate session hall.

Angara also said there were many losers in the Senate but the opposition was not one of them. "We may have lost in number but our standing and reputation are going to be enhanced," he said.

"The biggest loser to me is. President Macapagal because she will stand out in political history as the only President who sought deliberately to pursue piracy politics to destroy the opposition," he added.

Pimentel said that he could not fault Jaworski for joining his father-in-law because that was the reality in Philippine politics. He said it was understandable for the President to seek more allies in the Senate and that she obviously "won over us by one vote."

"The President should always try to have her way in the legislature and I think that is what she's trying to do. It's up to us if we allow ourselves to be dominated by her," Pimentel added.

Ople next?

With Jaworski's switch, Pimentel said he did not expect Malacañang to continue its pursuit of Sen. Blas Ople as Vice President Teofisto Guingona's replacement at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

But Ople said yesterday that he would meet with the President tomorrow. "I expect to meet with the President on Wednesday so that this can be resolved one way or the other," Ople said. He added that he was concluding his "consultations" on whether to join the Cabinet.

Angara said the meeting would probably center on the President's offer to Ople to handle the foreign affairs portfolio.

Asked if he was still confident that Ople would not accept, Angara quickly replied, "You just ask him (Ople). I don't want to make a forecast anymore."

Pimentel said he had no problem going back to his original role as an oppositionist, in which he said he was "more at home."

Sotto clarified that the President's invitation for him to help in the anti-drugs campaign was an informal one. He stressed that he did not intend to hold or be appointed to any office in the executive branch.

But Sotto said he was willing to cooperate in helping enforce the recently passed law creating the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

"The anti-drug abuse campaign is above and beyond politics," Sotto said.

He said he was heartened by the President's "serious show of political will" in dealing with the drug menace by seeking the assistance of experienced and dedicated crusaders against illegal drugs.

Palace role

At the Palace, presidential adviser Conrado Limcaoco said Malacañang was duty-bound to help resolve the Senate leadership crisis, but stopped short of confirming if it had a hand in convincing Jaworski to leave the opposition.

"If it's true (that Malacañang courted Jaworski), there's nothing wrong with that," he said. "It's Malacañang's duty to stabilize the government, as long as no law is broken."

He added: "We don't stop (the opposition) when they court (our side). So we hope they also respect it if we do the same."

Limcaoco denied reports that Malacañang bribed Jaworski with P4 million, and hinted that "two more" opposition senators may also jump ship.

He said Jaworski's transfer was not enough, because of the slim 13-11 majority in the Senate.

"The opposition should take care. It might be true that two more of them will join the administration bloc. I'm not assuring it but it might happen, because a 13-11 majority is not enough to have a stable and productive Senate. We need a wider lead," he said. ***With reports from Dona Pazzibugan, Juliet Javellana and AFP***

8 opposition senators no-show

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was not unnatural for legislators to be absent during the opening session of Congress. He said those who did not attend may have done so for personal reasons, and added that he "did not want to put any meaning to it."

This was echoed by Sen. Loren Legarda Leviste, who said her colleagues may have had their own reasons for not attending.

"It would have been a good time though for all of us to get together," Legarda said in Filipino. "But anyway, we'll all be together (in today's session)."

The newest member of the administration, Sen. Robert Jaworski, was present, together with coalition partners Senate President Franklin Drilon and Senators Legarda, Cayetano, Joker Arroyo, Manuel Villar, Robert Barbers, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Noli de Castro, Ralph Recto and Francis Pangilinan.

No-shows at yesterday's event were Senators Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Luisa Ejercito, Panfilo Lacson, Teresa Aquino-Oreta, John Osmeña, Sergio Osmeña III, Gregorio Honasan and Vicente Sotto III.

Two administration senators were also absent: Juan Flavier, the only doctor in the upper chamber, and Ramon Revilla, the Senate's most recent ex-patient.

Full steam

Drilon said it was full steam ahead for the Senate, after Jaworski's switch enabled pro-administration senators to regain the majority.

"Now that the paralysis is over, we will immediately buckle down to work to regain the trust and confidence of the Filipino people," Drilon said.

He said he expected the Angara-led opposition to fulfill its pledge to cooperate with the majority in crafting a common legislative agenda.

Drilon said he was assigning Villar and Legarda to continue the dialogue with Angara and Pimentel, to iron out the differences between the two groups.

"Both sides agreed in our last meeting that regardless of who emerges (as) the majority, we would adopt a common legislative agenda. I therefore expect less politicking and more work in the coming days," he said.

Angara told reporters he did not expect the "working coalition" proposal to prosper because it was predicated on a 12-12 standoff in the Senate. But Pimentel said he believed that Drilon's group would not continue to ignore the opposition because it still has 11 members.

"I think they will still be compelled by circumstances to (work with) the old minority because there are still 11 of us, 10 if Senator Ople will join (them). I think realities will demand that they work with us," he said.

Drilon said the Senate impasse, which lasted for almost two months, had a negative impact on the image and reputation of the Senate.

"We have a lot of work to do in impressing on our people that we are serious in meeting their expectations and delivering on our promise to enact legislation to address pressing national problems," Drilon said.

Jaworski said it was precisely the opposition's inability to break the Senate impasse that made him join the administration coalition.

Not an enemy

Unlike some of his coalition colleagues, Villar said he did not consider Angara's group as the enemy, and even tried to make light of the problem.

"Of course, I don't sleep with the enemy. I only sleep with my wife. But I never consider the opposition as an enemy," he said.

Barbers described the administration bloc in the Senate as "stronger than before."

"If the opposition claimed that they are solid as a rock, the relationship among administration senators can be described as deep as the deep blue sea that can wash away all kinds of rock," Barbers said.

He said that with Jaworski joining the administration, the Senate can now continue to work for the passage of priority bills and conduct public hearings through the respective committees.

A resigned John Osmeña, whose transfer to the opposition last month triggered the Senate coup, said he would continue to pursue the issue of the purchased power adjustment and the right of the Filipinos abroad to vote in national elections.

He said he would also focus on the problems affecting government-owned and -controlled corporations as well as fiscal policies of the government.

"I have been with the opposition for the greatest part of my political career and I feel liberated," he added.

Osmeña said he did not regret his decision a month ago as it helped him regain his independence as a senator.

"It leaves me free as a bird to return to the opposition, where I have been most of my life," he said.

As for Jaworski joining the administration, Osmeña said: "May God help them!"

De Venecia's advice

Even with Jaworski's switch, however, Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. said the Senate still needed to consider a power-sharing scheme.

"While parliamentary courtesy inhibits me from commenting on the internal situation there (in the Senate), I feel the time has come to suggest that the contending Senate blocs explore the mechanism for sharing power and responsibility, even after a majority is finally and firmly in place," De Venecia said in his speech at the opening of the second regular session of the 12th Congress.

De Venecia said the Senate needed to have a stable leadership because "we need an undivided attention in Congress to focus on the legislative agenda."

"The Senate paralysis—which exposed the weakness of a bicameral legislature—has to be resolved decisively, hopefully in the next few days," he said.

He cited the need to approve several economic measures which the House passed last month but which remain pending in the Senate. He mentioned, in particular, the Special Purpose Asset Vehicle Act and the Securitization Act. ***With a report from Juliet Javellana***

Is Nene throwing in the towel?

IS HE throwing in the towel, or does he simply want to be fighting trim?

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday that he would relinquish his original position of minority leader to Sen. Vicente Sotto III so he could focus on legislation he wanted to push.

Sotto said he was honored by Pimentel's offer, but added that the matter should be decided by the minority as a whole.

"I am deeply honored by the trust and confidence of Sen. Pimentel in considering me for the position of minority leader," Sotto said.

"It will be tough to fill his shoes but I will have to consult with the rest of the members of the minority, especially Sen. (Edgardo) Angara. The decision will have to be made by the whole minority bloc."

Another opposition senator said he was prepared to do without Senate titles or committee assignments too.

Sen. John Osmeña, whose switch to the opposition on June 3 led to the Senate coup, said he expected to lose his committees in the Senate.

"I will work from the floor. In fact, I am considering not accepting any committee assignment. I will do my legislative work from the floor of the Senate," he said.

Cynthia Balana

Cha-cha, economy top House agenda

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the budget deficit and restore investor confidence.

De Venecia said he was set to file a bill seeking to create a Revenue Board to manage the BIR as a corporation under a Chief Executive Office following the New Zealand model.

He also called for the passage of the Absentee Balloting Bill which would allow 7 million overseas Filipinos to vote in national elections.

De Venecia said trimming the budget deficit would be addressed by a measure seeking to restructure the Bureau of Internal Revenue to eliminate corruption and improve tax collection.

De Venecia said the budget deficit, which now stands at P107 billion, threatened cuts in spending for peace and order, basic education, public health and infrastructure.

"For we must make sure that the BIR collects the right taxes and puts them where they should go: in government coffers and not in someone else's pockets," De Venecia said.

De Venecia said the problem of high electricity rates, brought about by the purchased power adjustment, must be confronted.

He also called on his colleagues to approve the measure creating the National Transmission Co., a component of the power industry privatization.

De Venecia said the single best solution was to renegotiate the independent power producers contracts to reduce the debt service of the Napocor and to eventually bring down the consumer's electric bill.

Political stability

But De Venecia said political stability was vital as well.

He said Congress had to appropriate P2 billion to P3 billion for the computerization of the presidential elections in 2004.

De Venecia said the first political summit last May underscored a "fairly strong sentiment that has now emerged in this House: that constitutional change, which in the past was debatable, is now no longer debatable but inevitable."

De Venecia said there were strong moves in the House, led by opposition Rep. Constantino Jaraula, to change or amend the Constitution "sooner than later," either through a constituent assembly or a constitutional convention.

"Several resolutions to this effect are now pending in this House. They await our urgent action and crucial decision, which we can no longer put off," De Venecia said in his speech.

De Venecia said the bicameral legislature's vulnerability to a complete paralysis of the legislative process—brought about by the leadership crisis in the Senate—has "given these moves a strong argument that we can no longer take lightly."

P13-M renovation

The House session hall underwent a P13 million renovation in time for the second State of the Nation Address of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The session hall was brighter and cleaner, with a new royal blue carpet with gold trimmings. The huge wall behind the Speaker's rostrum was painted white, the better to accent the giant red, white and blue of the Philippine flag.

The front gallery seats were reupholstered and the ceiling was also refurbished.

The main entrance showcases the photographs of all the House members.

Agreement

The brief Senate session was in accordance with the agreement between Drilon's group and the minority bloc led by Sen. Edgardo Angara to avoid a confrontation on the opening of session and dispensed with the Senate titles.

But with the Senate tilt now in favor of Drilon's group following the last-minute defection to them by Sen. Robert Jaworski, Sen. Manny Villar regained the Senate president pro tempore from Sen. Blas Ople, while Sen. Loren Legarda got back the majority floor leader from Sen. Aquilino Pimentel.

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Negative impact

He admitted that the Senate impasse, which lasted for a month, had a negative impact on the image and reputation of the Senate.

"We have a lot of work to do in impressing on our people that we are serious in meeting their expectations and delivering on our promise to enact legislation to address pressing national problems," he said.

CROSSING party lines: Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda and opposition Senators Loi Ejercito and Tessie Aquino-Oreta.

ERIK ARAZAS

Women lawmakers favor bright colors

BRIGHT colors dominated the opening of the 12th Congress, with President Macapagal-Arroyo's yellow-orange dress leading the pack. Sen. Loren Legarda was in a colorful Muslim-inspired dress, complete with an elaborate headdress.

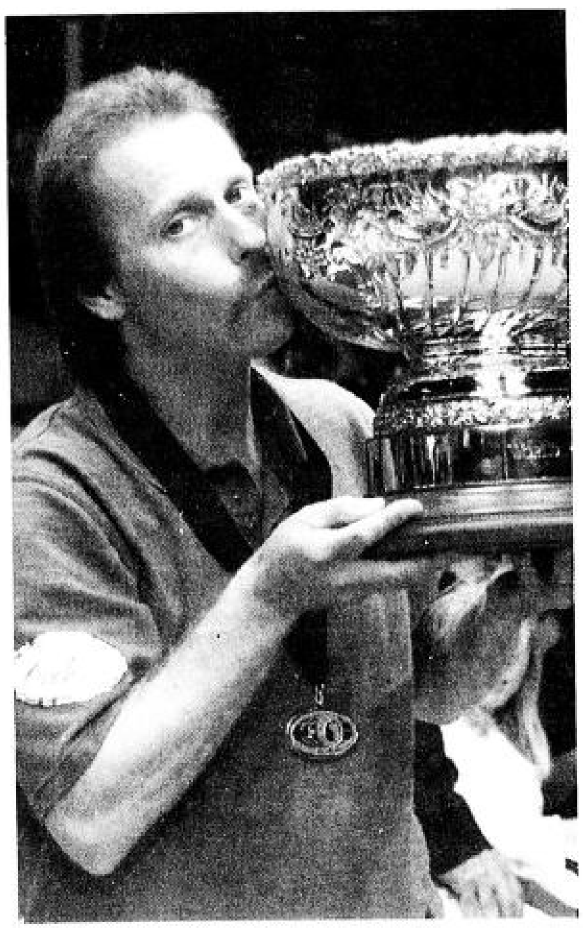
The head-turners among the women legislators were Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos and Bayan Muna Rep. Liza Maza, who also wore Filipiniana outfits.

Marcos showed cleavage in a sexy black *terno*.

Maza, on the other hand, wore a *terno* inspired by the Philippine flag and in colors of red, white and blue.

Christine Avendaño

Strickland doubles Django's grief



STRICKLAND

BUSTAMANTE

Filipino cueman suffers crucial scratch while ahead

AMERICAN Earl "The Pearl" Strickland proved steadier in the homestretch yesterday to beat Filipino Francisco "Django" Bustamante, 17-15, for the 2002 World Pool Championship.

Trailing 15-13, Strickland pounced on Bustamante's scratch on the break to take the next four racks en route to pocketing his third title in the $300,000 (P15 million) event held at the Cardiff International Arena in Cardiff, Wales.

Neither player led by more than three racks at any time, but after drawing level at 15-15 when Bustamante failed to jump out of a safety, Strickland made his only two-run rack of the match.

The 41-year-old Strickland, also the '90 and '91 champion, took the $65,000 (P3.25 million) top purse.

Bustamante, who made a painful decision to fight on despite the death of his 8-month-old daughter in Manila on Friday, led for most of the thriller watched by a packed crowd of more than 500, only to stumble as Strickland made difficult run-outs.

The 38-year-old Bustamante, widely acknowledged as the best player not to have won a world title, settled for the $30,000 runner-up (P1.5 million) prize.

"It's a complete honor to win this title. This is different than the world titles I won in the early '90s," said Strickland. "Since the event moved to Cardiff, this has become the toughest field and the greatest tournament in the world. I don't think I'd have many more shots at this, so it means a great deal to me."

Bustamante took the loss in stride.

"I just play the best I can play. The finish doesn't matter. I dedicate this medal to my daughter (Mariel)," said Bustamante, who was due last night to catch the first plane out for Manila.

For a while, Strickland thought that Bustamante would get him. Bustamante came through with a three-rack run for a 10-7 lead.

"If Bustamante hit me with a package at that point I think the match would have been over. I was very fortunate he never came with the run I thought he would," said Strickland.

In the next rack, Strickland kicked the 1 ball into the side and then made a brilliant shot on No. 2 en route to a run-out that put him back into the game at 10-8.

The match was so tight that when the last ball dropped, Strickland leapt on the pool table and pumped his fists as the fans, who jeered him in the quarterfinals for thrash talking, roared in approval.

This time, Strickland let his cue do the talking. ***Roy Luarca, with reports from the wires and Internet***

RP hosts Asian karting

AFTER the Asian Formula of Speed and the Asian Formula Challenge, the Philippines will be the focus of attention anew when it serves as host of the first leg of the biggest and most prestigious karting competition in the region on Aug. 1-4.

Dubbed "Shell-Casino Filipino Asian Open Zone Karting Championships," the three-day competition will feature the leading karters from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and host Philippines.

Venue of the event is the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite.

"We're very proud to be the host of this prestigious international karting competition," said Lot Tan of the Carmona Circuit Philippines, which is organizing the event in cooperation with the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP).

"It's a big honor for all of us that the Philippines has been chosen as one of four hosts of this regional competition," added Tan.

Top foreign drivers from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand are expected to participate in the competition, which is being sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Zed and Bridgestone Tires.

The Philippines will be represented by select local karters, who excel in the Shell Super Karting Series also being held in Carmona Circuit.

The participants will be divided into five major categories: Formula A, Intercon A, Intercon Jr., Formula Rotax 125 and Cadet 85.

Official practice round and qualifying time trials are scheduled on Aug. 1 and 2, while the qualifying heats will be held on Aug. 3. The final round in all five categories will be held on Aug. 4.

For details, call the Carmona Circuit Phils. at tel. 817-2241.

Armstrong jeered

MONT VENTOUX, France—Richard Virenque, who once admitted taking illicit drugs, received loud cheers in the Tour de France's 14th stage. Meanwhile, some fans jeered at Lance Armstrong and called him a doping cheat. ***AP***

UAAP ready to support 'Ginto' fund-raising gig

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE UNIVERSITY Athletic Association of the Philippines yesterday pledged to advertise the Alay sa Medalyang Ginto fund-raising concert by promoting it to thousands of students belonging to the UAAP-member schools.

UAAP president Sonny Paguia promised to allot a few minutes during the games to promote the concert series to be held on Aug. 9 at the Philsports Arena.

"On behalf of the board, I'm committing the UAAP support to this noble endeavor," said Paguia, board representative of the National University, which is the UAAP general host this season. "We are always ready to be of help in any way we can because UAAP prioritizes athletes."

Expected to join the UAAP in drumbeating the concert is the National College Athletics Association as well as Viva Television, which handles the TV coverage of the Philippine Basketball Association.

PSC chair Eric Buhain lauded the school leagues, which he said has been the breeding ground of the country's finest national athletes.

"They have always been in support of Philippine sports by shaping the character of school kids who will represent the country in future international competitions," Buhain said.

The PBA and the Philippine Basketball League have earlier expressed their intention to get involved in the project which will topbill Gary Valenciano and Vina Morales.

Bankrolling the event are the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, Samsung Electronics, Centrum Vitamins, Air Philippines, WG&A Super Ferry, Philtranco, Brunswick-Bong Coo Sports, Peak Sports, Intrasports and Bank of Commerce.

Asiad slot waiting for Bustamante

By Marc Anthony Reyes

DJANGO plus Bata in the Asian Games 9-ball equals sure gold medal.

That simple equation was made by Billiards and Snookers Congress of the Philippines president Ernie Fajardo yesterday even as he announced that the combination of Francisco Bustamante and Efren Reyes will maximize the country's gold medal chances in the Busan Games.

Fajardo, who has earlier welcomed Bustamante into the RP fold following his runner-up feat in the recent World Pool Championships, said it is up to the BSCP coaches and Reyes—the team's chief consultant—to decide the players for Busan.

He said pairing Bustamante and Reyes in the 9-ball singles and doubles competitions is very likely.

"I'm very surprised why Bata complained that he was taken out of the 9-ball team because it's all up to him who will play in which game," Fajardo told the INQUIRER. "Definitely, having Django and Bata in 9-ball would mean bigger chances of winning the gold medal."

The Philippines, already regarded as heavyweights in billiards, is considered unbeatable in 9-ball.

"All our players are good and can win gold in 9-ball anytime but it all depends on the breaks," said Fajardo. "We'll have to deliberate on that strategy to come up with the strongest team in each of the events in the Asian Games.

The BSCP also clarified that the earlier the 9-ball lineup is formed, "the better."

Reyes had been excluded in favor of Warren Kiamco and Antonio Lining.

"It is still subject to change because we will have to discuss everything," said Fajardo. "It all depends on Bata and our coaches because they know which player performs best in what game. For sure there will be adjustments in the team."

The Philippines is seeing action in the 8-ball, 9-ball, carom and English billiards in the Games set for Sept. 29 to Oct. 14. Also bannering the RP team are Lee Van Corteza, Marlon Manalo, James Al Ortega and Bayani Guevarra.

Fajardo also maintained that nobody among the national team mainstays will be removed from the list with Bustamante's entry.

Trillo meets scribes after 2 years as Adamson coach

By Dennis U. Eroa

UNDERSTANDABLY, Adamson coach Luigi Trillo looked bewildered the moment he stepped inside the PSC-POC Media Center, war room of scribes covering the UAAP basketball tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

While he isn't new to rubbing elbows with people from all walks of life, Trillo, a former La Salle Green Archer, came face-to-face with reporters for the first time since taking over the reins as Adamson head coach two years ago. He was in uncharted territory—reserved only for the league's winning coaches.

The Falcons edged the National University Bulldogs, 82-80, and Trillo and his wards became instant celebrities last Thursday. They are now 1-29 under Trillo, but a huge psychological block had been lifted and the Falcons can dream again of bigger things to come.

TRILLO

Three days later, Trillo's wards nearly made it two straight, bowing to the UE Red Warriors in double overtime, 84-79.

Among the happy faces as the Falcons nailed the big one were Luigi's father Joaqui, brothers Paolo and Carlo, and her aunt Elsa.

Standouts Mark Abadia and Ramil Tagupa shed tears of joy, same with their teammates, who hugged each other as if they had not seen each other for decades.

"I'm really not used to this," said Trillo, who confessed of "tremendous pressure" in snapping Adamson's two-year losing slump. "I just came to the hospital this morning because I wasn't feeling very well. The pressure is just too much."

Despite feeling uncomfortable, the soft-spoken Trillo, who recently celebrated his 27th birthday, told sportswriters that he felt fortunate to have players who continue to believe in his capacity as coach.

"My players gave it their best shot. And I also thank the Adamson fathers for their support," Trillo, a former La Salle playmaker said. He said that many have ridiculed Adamson, but that did not dampen the school's spirit to win.

Luigi's present team is hampered by the lack of reliable big men. And the soft-spoken Trillo can only do so much.

"If you're a promising high school player, Adamson is not on top of your list. And this is understandable. I can accept this," Trillo said.

Luigi feels a little uncomfortable exchanging views with sportswriters. It will not be long though, when he'll finally be at home with the press.

Lizardo taekwondo champion

BEMEDALLED jin John Paul Lizardo used his vast experience to turn back Rolly Pentecostes Sunday night and capture the men's junior finweight title in the Samsung Best of the Best national taekwondo championships at the Glorietta Activity Center.

The 16-year-old Lizardo, the US Open silver medalist and 2000 Korea Open gold winner who was enjoying a twice-to-beat edge, recovered from a 6-7 defeat to Pentecostes in the first match to score a 7-4 victory in the deciding contest.

Gershon Bautista, Lizardo's teammate at the Diliman Preparatory School and also a Korean Open gold medalist, upset Pangasinan's Albert Go, 5-2 and 3-1, to run away with the middleweight crown.

Pentecostes and Bautista worked their way up to the finals from the losers' bracket.

Palarong Pambansa topnocther Tristan Tiozon punished Zamboanga's Nolene Delos Reyes, 10-5, to rule the flyweight category. ***Marc Anthony Reyes***

Dayrit appoints adidas Games outfitter

ADIDAS and Pioneer Insurance have provided tremendous support to Filipino athletes through the Philippine Olympic Committee.

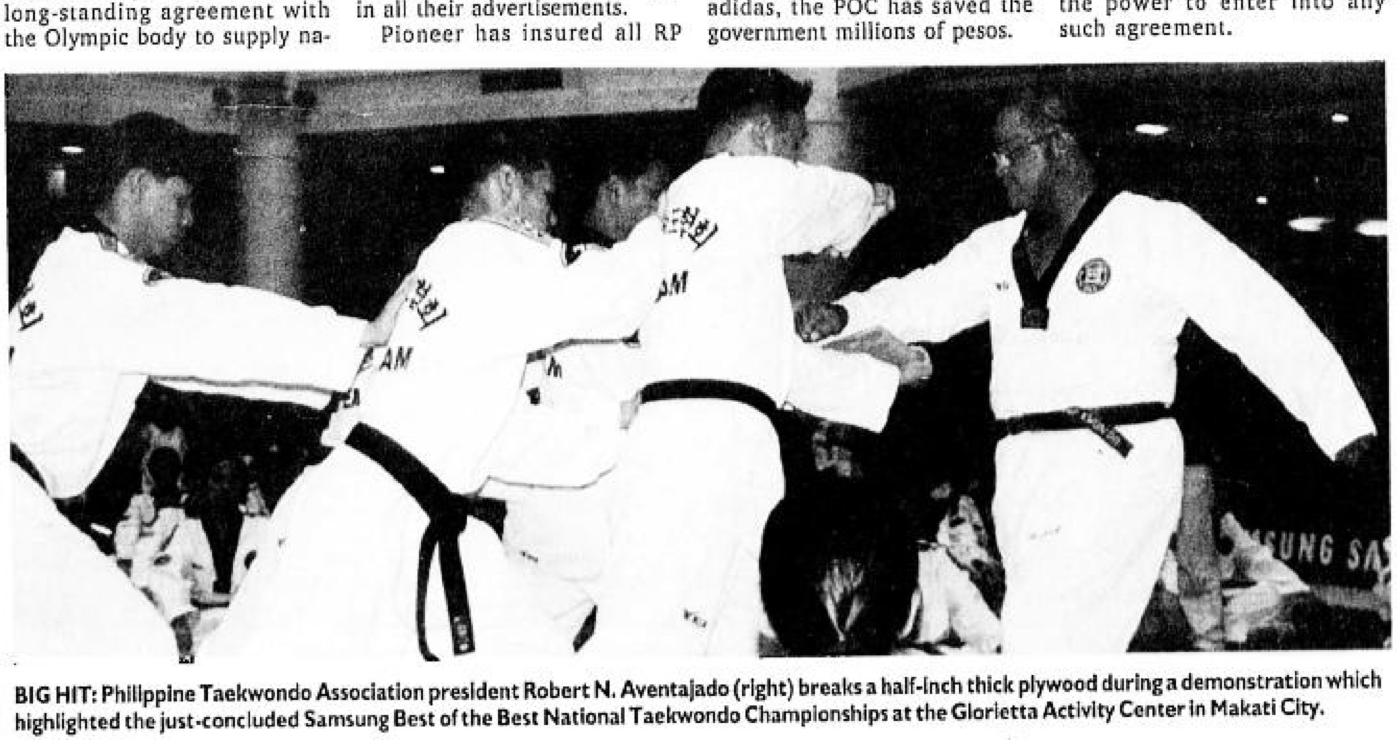
According to POC president Celso L. Dayrit, adidas has a long-standing agreement with the Olympic body to supply national athletes with uniforms and shoes.

In exchange for the support, the POC has granted adidas exclusive designation as "the official sportswear of the Games" and the right to use the POC logo in all their advertisements.

Pioneer has insured all RP athletes and coaches through the years, Dayrit said yesterday in stressing that "the POC has silently provided the needs of our team, without claiming credit for the effort."

Through its arrangement with adidas, the POC has saved the government millions of pesos.

"Only the POC has the jurisdiction to grant exclusive use of its logo (for advertisements) to any firm as provided for in the Olympic Charter," Dayrit said to clarify misconception that any other local sports body has the power to enter into any such agreement.



BIG HIT: Philippine Taekwondo Association president Robert N. Aventajado (right) breaks a half-inch thick plywood during a demonstration which highlighted the just-concluded Samsung Best of the Best National Taekwondo Championships at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City.

Trinidad retires

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Felix Trinidad said Sunday that he was retiring from boxing, three weeks after his father and lawyer said the former champion would no longer fight.

"The moment has come," the 29-year-old Trinidad told reporters at Hiram Bithorn Stadium. "I am sound, I am healthy, I am retiring because it is time to retire. Right now I'm going to rest and do the things that I like to do –share with my family and enjoy my horses, my fighting cocks and my cars." ***AP***

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1995, Jimmy Yusay fired a net 64 to capture Class A crown in the 11th leg of the Johnnie Walker Golf Series at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club. Also today in 1988, Ruben Rodriguez notched 7.5 points with a tiebreaker advantage to win the Swift "Battle of Champions" at the Metropolitan Chess Club.

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Delasin 3rd worth $59T; Rosales 10th to pocket $18T

DOROTHY "Joy" Delasin waged a gallant fight before yielding her Giant Eagle LPGA Classic crown in Vienna, Ohio, on Sunday (Monday in Manila).

Not about to let her two-year reign end in a whimper, Delasin carded a final round 5-under-par 67 at the Squaw Creek Country Club course to jump to a share of third place in the tournament won by Korean Mi Hyun Kim over erstwhile leader Kelly Robbins.

A birdie on the 17th enabled Kim to close with a 69 for a 14-under 202 total, besting Robins' 71=203 for the $150,000 champion's purse.

Another Filipino, Jennifer Rosales, also made a late rally with a 69 that shoved her into a tie for 10th with four others at 208. They earned S17,660 each (P883,000 each).

Rosales has earned $174,732 (P8.73 million) thus far.

While Kim and Robbins were trading shots for the title, Delasin was also engaging Grace Park in a shootout. Park also ended with a 67 to tie Delasin at 205. Both earned $58,750 (P2.94 million).

"I ran out of holes," said Delasin, who became the Giant Eagle's youngest winner at 19 in 2000 before retaining it last year behind a closing 65.

Playing aggressively, Delasin birdied holes 1, 5 and 8 against a lone bogey on 4 to go out with a 35.

The two-time Filipino athlete of the year continued her charge with another birdie on the 10th and went home with a 32.

Counting her earlier winnings of $116,398, Delasin has amassed $175,148 (P8.76 million) in the LPGA Tour this year and is expected to enter the top 30 money earners.

Kim, a former LPGA Rookie of the Year like Delasin, thus ended a 17-month winless spell and copped her fourth professional title. Her earlier rounds were 65 and 68.

Robbins, an 11-year Tour veteran who had a two-club advantage over Kim on almost every approach shot, thus prolonged her losing streak to 83 tournaments. ***Roy Luarca, with wire reports***

Frenchman has no regrets after going for it

LEVET

GULLANE, Scotland—Thomas Levet did all he could to stun Ernie Els and cause an upset victory in a playoff at the British Open.

It wasn't quite like countryman Jean Van de Velde's comical three-stroke giveaway at Carnoustie three years ago. But the Frenchman just didn't get it right on the final hole and lost to Els in a dramatic finish to a typically unpredictable Open.

Instead of going for accuracy from the tee with a 2-iron, the Frenchman, who has just two European tour victories on his 14-year record as a pro, tempted fate by taking his driver at the difficult par 4 18th in the four-way playoff against Els, Steve Elkington and Stuart Appleby.

After the two Australians had been eliminated he did the same in the sudden death "round two" against the South African two-time U.S. champion.

It got him into trouble each time.

Holding a one-stroke lead over his three opponents thanks to a 50-foot (15 meter) birdie putt at 16, Levet drove into the right rough and then his second shot landed in a greenside bunker. He wound up with a bogey putt to stay in contention and, with Elkington and Appleby out, made it to set up the confrontation with Els.

The two players were taken back to the 18th tee in their golf carts. While Els sat quietly in his, contemplating how he had squandered a 3-stroke lead with five holes to go in his final round, Levet beamed and waved as if amazed he was still in contention.

Again he took the driver and this time the ball landed in a fairway bunker. His second shot landed well short of the green, and he had to play his third before Els' second.

Again he refused to look like a defeated man.

A smiling Levet cupped his hand to his ear to try to swing the support of the fans his way, and they responded with a roar.

The drama continued as Els dropped his second shot into a greenside bunker. Els produced a stunning shot from the sand to within 3 feet (1 meter).

He made it to win his first Open. Levet still seem satisfied.

"I will take second place at the Open every year," said Levet, who defended his tactics and choice of clubs at 18.

"I played the playoff the way I wanted. I was just not lucky on 17 and 18. On 17, I was a yard left (and landed in a bunker) and would have been on the green with two putts for a (birdie) four. On 18 I had an unplayable bunker shot. I'm two inches from carrying the bunker and getting onto the green." ***AP***

McRoy tops B.C. Open

ENDICOTT, New York—Spike McRoy made up a seven-stroke deficit over a faltering Shaun Micheel on Sunday to win the B.C. Open for his first PGA Tour title. McRoy closed with a 7-under 65 on the En-Joie Golf Club course for a 19-under 269 total, and a one-stroke victory over Fred Funk.

Micheel, who also was seeking his first PGA Tour win, bogeyed the last two holes to fall out of a tie with McRoy and into a five-way tie for third at 17 under. ***AP***

ELS kisses the claret jug symbolic of his British Open victory. Inset shows him with his teary-eyed wife, Liza. AP

For Els, it was anything but easy

By Doug Ferguson

GULLANE, Scotland—For the Big Easy, it was anything but that.

Beaten down by Tiger Woods during the last four years, Ernie Els faced even greater pressure Sunday in the British Open by squandering a three-stroke lead, a collapse that could have made him an emotional wreck the rest of his career.

"You can only take so much," Els said.

This time, he fought back.

Els rebounded from one setback after another, most of it his own doing, and outlasted Thomas Levet of France to win the British Open in a four-man playoff that produced the first sudden-death finish in the 131-year history of the tournament.

"It's just been an unbelievable four days and five holes," he said. "I didn't come here with a lot of confidence. I'm going to leave here as the Open champion. It's been a little journey for me this week."

Els was in despair after a double bogey on the 16th hole, which put him one stroke behind with two holes to play. Somehow, he pulled himself back together.

He finished birdie-par to get into the playoff, and he made all pars in the four holes of overtime to force sudden death with Levet.

Then came the most amazing par of all. With his right foot anchored on the top of a bunker left of the 18th green, Els dug in and blasted out to 5 feet (1.5 meters). The winning par putt just curled in the right side of the cup.

"That bunker shot was a piece of nerves," Levet said. "He's very, very talented. I lost to a great player."

Utterly exhausted, Els managed to toss his cap into the air and raise his arms in triumph. Moments later, he cradled the silver claret jug.

"I guess I've got a little fight in me when it counts," Els said. "It would have been a very hard loss if I didn't win this jug."

No other trophy has ever meant so much.

Els honed his game on European tour soil and was destined for greatness until Woods came along and started collecting majors at a frightening rate. Els has been runner-up to him twice in the majors, six times overall.

He won the British Open the same way he won his [illegible] Open titles—with grit and [illegible], unfazed even when it looked as though he had wasted his chances.

"This was one of the hardest tournaments I've ever played," Els said. "The emotions I went through today—I don't think I've ever been through that."

It was the third major championship for the 32-year-old Els, his first since the U.S. Open at Congressional five years ago.

None of three was easy, but this one tops the list. ***AP***

'Tiger-tamer'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

WHEN the going gets tough, "who else" but the tough gets going. Corny?

Not really.

Ernie Els, my professional partner in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Phuket, Thailand, in 1995, had to buck a mental block and next complete what amounted in basketball as an acrobatic shot to win his first British Open on Monday.

With three holes left to play, Els made 5 on the par-3 16th to trail by one. But he made birdie-par to join a four-man playoff over four holes with France's Thomas Levet and Australians Steve Elkington and Stuart Appleby. Elkington and Appleby bowed out with a bogey each against level pars by Els and Levet.

With defeat looking him in the eye in the sudden-death, Els authored the shot of the tournament.

His right foot awkwardly positioned atop a greenside bunker while the left foot rested on sand, Els blasted to within 5 feet. He sank the par-putt to defeat Levet, who made bogey after an errant tee shot saw the rough.

Els' third major counting two US Open victories in the Nineties made for drama after the Tiger Woods trauma in the third round where the world's No. 1 collapsed with an 81—his worst round since he turned pro in 1997.

My view is that Tiger lost his killer instinct when he had Mark O'Meara for a flightmate in Round 3. It's no secret that Woods considers O'Meara his bosom buddy.

They are neighbors in Florida.

They are travelling companions.

They are sparring partners.

They shared a home they had rented in Gullane, Scotland, during their failed bid for the 131st Open at Muirfield.

Woods lacked focus in that fateful third round as he had O'Meara for a cuddly company and not as prey to be devoured. Woods gave himself away when he jokingly raised his arms in mock celebration after scoring his lone birdie for the day—on the par-5 17th.

Woods is usually at his fiercest when paired against anyone but O'Meara, the "Tiger-tamer."

Unfortunately for Woods, he was bound by rules to be paired with his friend in Round 3 as both carded similar totals after two rounds.

'Way to go.

Still a majestic parting shot for Tiger

MUIRFIELD, Scotland—Tiger Woods' Grand Slam dream was finally quashed Sunday but he left the British Open with all guns blazing, carding a final round of six-under par 65.

It was a majestic parting shot from the World No 1 although he knew even before teeing off that the damage had been done in Saturday's apocalyptic third round in which he shot 10-over 81, his worst ever 18 holes as a professional.

That weather-beaten effort left him tied for 69th with Jeff Maggert 11 shots behind South Africa's Ernie Els and needing a miracle to maintain his drive for the first-ever Grand Slam of golf.

The miracle was not to be.

Woods though was far from despondent.

"I am very pleased with the way I hit the ball all week," he said.

"I just had one day when I wasn't able to hit the ball the way I wanted."

Woods came to Scotland halfway to history having won the Masters in April and the US Open in June. He needed to win here and at the USPGA in August to complete the set.

Comfortable opening rounds of 70 and 68 left him four under par and handily-placed to mount a charge at the weekend before he was hit full throttle by a vicious weather system which swept in wind and rain from the North Sea.

Pictures of a rain-lashed and desperate-looking Woods filled the Sunday sports pages with the Daily Telegraph summing up the shock succinctly by headlining just "81"

But there was praise too for the way he handled the humiliation, pausing to talk to reporters and declining to blame the freak conditions for his collapse.

"We all understand that is just the way the Open Championship is," he said.

"The weather is unpredictable and anything can happen and it has happened and I am sure it will continue to do so that way.

"I tried all the way around and I didn't bag it, but I hit poor shots on a tough day and that added up to a pretty high number."

Woods found himself in the uncustomary position of getting up at the crack of dawn on the final day of a Major tournament and any lingering hopes he had were swiftly doused with a bogey five at the third.

But instead of pulling the plug on his efforts Woods went on the attack by rattling in two birdies and an eagle inside five holes to reach the turn in three-under 33.

Further birdies at 11, 13 and 15 dragged him back to level par for the tournament and he parred his way in from there.

A handsome ovation from a packed early crowd around Muirfield's 18th saw him take his leave of a British Open that will live long in his memory.

At 26, Woods will have many more opportunities to compile four Majors in a row in the same year.

But already, and despite his professed love of links golf, Woods has growing reasons to be wary of British Open week. ***AFP***

WOODS AP

St. Benilde, Mapua outplay NCAA foes

By June Navarro

MAPUA bucked the absence of four starters to dump University of Perpetual Help-Rizal, 73-32,yesterday in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

League-leader College of St. Benilde also shrugged off the absence of its key players and extended its unbeaten streak to four games with a runaway 88-75 victory over Letran College in the other seniors' match.

The Cardinals' second win in four starts was by far the most lopsided encounter in recent memory since San Sebastian College blasted Jose Rizal University with a 40-point winning margin during their Finals' showdown last year.

Coach Horacio Lim's troops did the feat despite missing the services of Raymond Dula, Nathaniel Cruz and Joferson Gonzales who were serving one game suspensions and ace playmaker Jeffrey Martin, who was slapped a three-game suspension by NCAA officials.

Martin lost his cool during Mapua's 64-60 defeat against College of St. Benilde last week and hit rookie Paolo Obeta, triggering a bench-emptying incident that led to a rash of suspensions among players from both squads.

Still, the Cardinals encountered little resistance in dumping the Altas.

The Blazers, who lost Obeta, Al Magpayo, Micah Evangelista and Joaquin Te to suspension after figuring in a fighting scene against the Cardinals, leaned on Sunday Salvacion's 37-point explosion against the Knights. The Knights tied the Cardinals at 2-2.

The Altas under coach Bay Cristobal have nobody else to blame for getting their third loss in four games. They went scoreless in the second quarter, a disaster no NCAA team had ever experienced in the league's 78-year history.

Mapua made it a twin kill after the Red Robins routed the Altalletes, 130-30, in the curtain-raiser.

First game (Srs)

MAPUA 73—Sta. Maria 15, Feliciano 14, Malig 10, Salud 8, Roxas 6, Lagar 6, David 4, Bangoy 4, Veranga 2, Migraso 2, Guevarra 2.

UPHR 32—Ali-ali 8, Cuenco 7, Cosme 5, Javier 4, Quiazon 3, Botin 2, Hawkins 2, Balboa 1, Aseron 0.

Quarters: 19-12, 41-12, 60-19, 73-32

AP

WORLD CHAMPION

Germany's world champion F1 race car driver Michael Schumacher celebrates with champagne yesterday after becoming F1 world champion for the fifth time with a victory in the French Grand Prix in Magny-Cours, central France.

Sta. Lucia seeks 3rd straight triumph

- **GAME TODAY** *(Philsports Arena)*
7 p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Alaska

By June Navarro

CHRIS Clay has provided Sta. Lucia Realty the spark it needed to be at par with the league's big shots.

Since his arrival, the Realtors are on a two-game roll against teams known for their never-say-die spirit.

The Realtors get to test Clay's versatility again when they go up against the Alaska Aces tonight in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Philsports Arena.

Gametime is set at 7 p.m. With the 6-foot-4 Clay, the Realtors handily beat crowd favorite Barangay Ginebra, 89-76, after they subdued the Selecta-RP Team, 66-62, tying them with the Aces at 3-2.

Clay's winning attitude rubbed off to fellow import Stephen Howard and playmaker Paolo Mendoza, Gerard Francisco, Marlou Aquino and Noy Falcasantos. Mendoza's unselfish plays are doing wonders for the Realtors.

The Aces, however, are known for their penchant for strongly bouncing back after a humiliating setback.

Germany to boost football development

KASIBULAN 6-12, the Grassroots Development Program of the Philippine Football Federation, got morale-boosting support when the German government through its German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippine Football Federation adopting Kasibulan 6-12 as its medium in promoting peace in the "conflict areas" of Mindanao.

Dubbed as the German Initiative in Football for Peace in Mindanao or "Gift" for short, the project aims to break political and cultural barriers by continued playing of the game of Football by the children in Mindanao who are products of Kasibulan 6-12.

Launched in 1999, Kasibulan 6-12, in cooperation with the Department of Education, was able to conduct "Teach the Teachers" seminars in these 15 known conflict areas of Mindanao among others as all over the country.

While the competitions could for a while not be held in some of these areas because of peace and order concerns, the GIFT Project is now venturing to conduct such competitions with the help of local governments and the Muslim and Christian communities alike.

As starters, the area of Tubod Baroy in Lanao del Norte, Zamboanga City and Cotabato City were identified as launching pads for the competitions that would subsequently expand to a total 15 localities known to be prime conflict areas in the past.

Acting Regional Head for German Development Projects Herwig Mayer and PFF President Rene Z. Adad signed the MOA on July 11, 2002 at the German Embassy.

GMA joins businessmen in second President's Cup

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will join over 100 chief executive officers (CEOs) and senior managers of the country's top corporations in the 2nd President GMA-PBSP Cup at the Manila Golf and Country Club on July 25.

Organized annually by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), the tournament hopes to raise funds in support of the President's A Million Jobs (AMJ) program.

This year's event, dubbed Swing for A Million Jobs, aims to contribute to the administration's jobs creation drive which has already reported more than half a million jobs as of middle of this year.

"We hope to allocate the funds that we will raise from this tournament into microfinance and livelihood projects where sustainable jobs can be created," said Luis "Cito" Lorenzo, Jr., Presidential Adviser on creating one million jobs.

The 18-hole tournament with a total of 25 teams will use the shotgun start to accommodate all the participants at the Manila Golf and Country Club.

Movers behind this year's tournament include President Macapagal-Arroyo as honorary chair; Luis "Cito" Lorenzo, Jr., as chair of the committee; Joselito Campos, Jr., Chairman and CEO of United Laboratories, Inc. and Oscar Lopez, Chairman and CEO of First Philippine Holdings, Corp., as co-vice chairs. Major supporters are First Philippine Holdings and San Miguel Corporation, PLDT, SMART, Unilab, Del Monte, Citra Metro Manila Tollways, Nestlé, Shell, Dole Asia, PNOC, GlaxoSmithKline, RCBC, Aboitiz and Co., and Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Last year's tournament generated P24 million for the PBSP Mindanao Peace and Development Program which includes literacy, basic services and skills training for the men, women and children affected by the prolonged hostilities in the south. Half of the funds went to the combat rations of the Mindanao soldiers as designated by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

SPORTSWATCH

Villanueva bounces back

PHILIPPINE age-group boys under-14 champion Vic Neil Villanueva of Pasay City defeated Kaleb Hamed Mohammed of United Arab Emirates to bounce back in contention after four rounds of play in the ongoing 2002 Dubai Junior Chess Championship being held at the Dubai Chess & Culture Club in Dubai, UAE. With this win, the Letran College junior standout Villanueva notched three wins and one loss to share seventh to 16th place. Villanueva's lone defeat came from Nasuri in the third round despite the former's one piece advantage in the middle game.

Mandaluyong City shines

SURREY CITY, BC—Mandaluyong City recovered its winning touch, scoring a 7-3 victory over Great Britain to keep its hopes of stashing away with the consolation round trophy alive in the Canada Cup Women's Softball Championship Sunday at the Cloverdale field here. Edil Avenido held the Britons practically immobile by surrendering only four hits all throughout the seven-inning contest. Her teammates supported her with 13, including four in a decisive four-run charge at the top of the fourth that all but decided the issue that early.

Rayo Cacho booters win

AFTER two rained out weekends, Family Futbol returned last Friday with the rousing debut of Rayo Cacho. Inspired with the fine football played by Paul and Justin Tolentino, the Cacho's crushed Atletico Areo in two straight matches (5-0, 5-0). It was a comprehensive win for the family team as 'gols' were evenly distributed between Enrique Olives, Javy, Marga, Ted Guinto, Monty Buhay and Anton del Rosario.The unsettled Atletico Areo, without start striker Arthur Tabuena, underperformed from the opening whistle. Rayo Cacho will be back on Aug. 9 when it trades boots with Longa United, while Atletico Areo will get a chance to redeem itself against AC Server on the same night.

DLS-Zobel hosts Hoops

DE LA SALLE-Zobel hosts the Hoops School on July 27 at Gym 1. The workshop featuring seven-time PBA Best Import Bobby Parks started last summer at the Meralco Gym. For a minimal registration fee, participants get to bring home an official outdoor basketball from Molten, Burlington sports socks, Mossimo jersey, Gatorade's squirt bottles, knapsacks and other giveaways like a VCD on basketball fundamentals, notes and referees manual. Registraion is ongoing at La Salle-Zobel's Sports Development Office or the Hoops School at tel nos: 687-4364. Interested students may also register online at www.hoops.ph

Shooting takes spotlight

SHOOTING as a family sport will take the spotlight in the 2002 Defense & Sporting Arms Show slated on from Aug. 1 to 5 at the SM Megamall's Megatrade Hall. Aside from being fun and challenging, target or sport shooting will also build self confidence, discipline and self-esteem. Shooting is a sport by which the country can win its first Olympic gold. Those who want to try target shooting, firearms manufacturer Armscor will have a daily fun shoot at the venue. The show is sponsored by Total Security Systems, Inc., Wireless Solution, Sunrise Holiday Concepts, 105.1 Crossover, 89.9 Magic, 99.5 RT, Citylite 88.3, 103.5 K-Lite, Wave 89.1 and BMB Karaoke Superband.

MBA cagers rip Lions

TAIPEI—Already out of the running for the championship of the 25th Chunghwa Telecom Jones Cup, Team Philippines-Cebuana Lhuillier salvaged some pride by taming pro club SINA Lions of the Chinese Basketball Alliance (CBA) Sunday night at the Taipei Physical Education College Gym, 80-75. The Filipinos thus leveled their win-loss record to 3-3. A win over the Japanese will give the Filipinos a good chance of taking home the bronze medal, an improvement on the country's back-to-back fourth place finishes in 2000 and 2001 courtesy of the now on-leave MBA club Laguna Lakers.

US netters down Israelis

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—There was no controversy and little challenge for the American Fed Cup team this time around. Determined to make up for an embarrassing loss to Austria earlier in the year, the Americans took the first two matches Saturday in the best-of-five series against Israel, then Monica Seles overwhelmed Anna Smashnova 6-4, 6-0 Sunday to put the United States back into the 16-nation World Group. "It was just like a huge relief I think off all of our shoulders," Seles said. "We knew it was kind of a do-or-die situation here." *AP*

Ateneo routs BEST rivals

DEFENDING champion Ateneo lived up to expectation by routing its two rivals in the Milo BEST SBP/Passerelle basketball tournament which unwrapped Sunday at the St. Benedict College courts in Alabang Hills. The Ateneans crushed Community of Learners, 65-11, in the SBP division and then overwhelmed Don Bosco Mandaluyong, 101-44, in the Passerelle group.

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METRO

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NBI recalls mission orders

By Philip Tubeza

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco yesterday ordered the recall of all mission orders issued to the bureau's Japanese confidential agents, one of whom created a scene at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last week.

Wycoco said the bureau would review the list of Japanese confidential agents to find out if they really have the "connections and know-how" to counter the activities of the Yakuza syndicate in the Philippines.

He said it would be "prudent" to review the status of these agents, who number "less than 10."

Wycoco ordered the review after Mori Teruhiko, 31, who claimed to be an NBI confidential agent, berated airport immigration agents who refused to let him use the route reserved for VIP passengers even after he showed them an NBI ID. During interrogation, the Japanese admitted he paid P40,000 for the NBI badge and his inclusion in the list of NBI confidential agents.

Wycoco said he had talked to the agent who "recommended" Teruhiko, but the unidentified agent alleged that his name was only used in the Japanese's application.

Wycoco said that while the agent's name appeared in Teruhiko's application, the agent did not sign the application.

The NBI internal affairs service is now finding out how the Japanese's name got included in the list of CAs, he added.

1 killed in Malate robbery

THE AMF-PUYAT Bowling Inn in Malate, Manila was robbed early yesterday morning and its lone security guard brutally killed.

The guard, Virgilio E. de la Cruz, 35, had been stabbed more than 20 times, police said.

De la Cruz, of San Juan, was found dead yesterday morning in the bowling alley at 1941 Taft Avenue, said Detective Paul Dennis Javier of the Western Police District homicide section.

The robbers took P850 from the bowling inn's cash box and a .38 caliber revolver from the guard's desk drawer, Detective Javier added.

He said the break-in and killing happened between 1:20 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. yesterday while the bowling inn was closed.

"Curiously, there was no sign of forcible entry," he noted. "The victim must have known his assailant and let him in."

AMF-Puyat manager Carmelita P. Magtibay, 46, said she and a cashier left De la Cruz alone in the bowling alley at 1:20 a.m. The guard was supposed to be on duty from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m., she said.

Philip C. Tubeza

THE PROMISED LAND

Day in, day out, garbage in, garbage out is the way of life for the hundreds who depend on refuse for their livelihood, in the growing mountain of trash in Payatas, Quezon City, where, President Macapagal-Arroyo said in her State of the Nation Address, the government has been helping families and sending children to school.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Pasay starts clearing sidewalks

By Christian V. Esguerra

THOUSANDS of vendors, squatters, and even legitimate residents are expected to be displaced when the Pasay government begins clearing the city's sidewalks of obstructions in compliance with the new Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) policy.

Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad yesterday said the affected residents have until Monday to clear the sidewalks and thoroughfares of all obstructions.

"It would be better if they would voluntarily leave than wait for (MMDA Chair) Bayani Fernando to come here and demolish their structures," Trinidad told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Fernando had vowed to recover sidewalks from vendors and demolish all obstructions to improve traffic in Metro Manila.

Trinidad said he would personally talk to the residents to convince them to follow the MMDA directive.

He said he and his men would first clear M.A. de la Cruz Extension, Leveriza, F.B. Harrison, and Taft Avenue, all perennial choke points in the city. The city authorities would also tear down houses and other establishments on sidewalks and streets, he said.

Gatchalian offers Strunk fare

By Philip C. Tubeza

PLASTICS king William Gatchalian has offered to shoulder the travel expenses and accommodations in Manila of American Rod Strunk, the principal suspect in the murder of his wife, actress Nida Blanca, according to National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco.

According to Wycoco, Gatchalian, said to be a fan of the late actress, wants Strunk to return to the country and face the parricide charges filed against him.

"If he can't come back because of (lack of) money, then he (now) has no reason why he can't return," Wycoco told reporters yesterday.

He said that when he met Gatchalian on Saturday, the millionaire offered to pay for Strunk's plane ticket and accommodations while the American is in the country to face the charges.

Wycoco recalled that this is not the first time Gatchalian offered to help the government. He said the businessman had also financially helped Sarah Balabagan, the young domestic helper who was accused of killing her employer in the United Arab Emirates.

"In this particular case, (Gatchalian) volunteered to help so that the case would be finished," Wycoco said. "He said he is a fan of Miss Nida Blanca."

The NBI director also said the bureau would try to get a sworn statement from Sen. Vicente Sotto, who earlier told the INQUIRER that he helped Strunk solve his drug problem years ago.

"We would request Senator Sotto (for) a statement ... about that," Wycoco said. "This would help portray what kind of person Mr. Strunk really is."

He said the bureau also has two new possible witnesses who might be able to help shore up the case against Strunk, Philip Medel Jr. and six others.

Wycoco said NBI National Capital Region chief Edmund Arugay, the chief investigator in the Blanca case, and Director Nestorio Gualberto, chief of the national police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, had a luncheon meeting yesterday to examine the statements of the new witnesses.

The NBI said the two new witnesses claimed to have gotten wind of the suspects' plan to kill Blanca before she was murdered at the Atlanta Centre building in San Juan last November.

Sonny Parsons maid escapes 'kidnap try'

By Nelson F. Flores

MEN IN ski masks allegedly tried to abduct one of Sonny Parsons' maids in Marikina City yesterday morning, according to police.

Also yesterday, authorities filed robbery and frustrated homicide charges against Joram Gacete, the suspected robber whom Parsons shot and wounded shortly after the man and five others robbed the former actor's home at SSS Village in Concepcion Dos, Marikina City last Thursday.

Police said the maid, identified only as Rosemary, was about to buy chicken at the Concepcion market at about 11 a.m. when two men in ski masks approached her and asked her if she was Rosemary. She said that instead of replying, she ran toward a crowded area where she sought the help of chicken vendors.

Still trembling, Rosemary told investigators that the masked men were armed, but their firearms were concealed under their shirts, police said.

Investigators said it was Rosemary who had untied Parsons--real name, Jose Nabiola—during the robbery last Thursday, which enabled the former actor to run after the men, killing two of them and wounding Gacete.

Parsons earlier told police that unidentified, suspicious looking men had been casing his house the day after the bloody incident.

He also told police that he had received reports that other members of the gang that robbed him last week were planning to kill him.

Marikina policemen have increased security for the Parsons family, who reportedly received a death threat over the weekend. The threat was written on a piece of paper wrapped around a stone, which was hurled inside the Parsons home.

Government lawyers have recommended the continued detention of Gacete while they ordered the release of Parsons.

Gacete denied any involvement in the incident, but he cannot explain to investigators why he had a revolver in his pocket, police said.

Gacete is now in stable condition but is under close guard at the Amang Rodriguez Medical Center in Marikina, police said.

Yesterday, Parsons was charged with two counts of homicide and one of frustrated homicide before the Marikina City Prosecutor's Office for killing the suspected robbers and seriously wounding another.

Police explained that the filing of the charges against Parsons was merely "procedural" and was meant to protect the rights of everyone.

The cases were filed after the police identified the two slain suspects as Rodgin Baguinat, 20, a bus conductor and resident of Batasan Hills, and Joemar Mercado, 23, a construction worker and resident of Antipolo City.

Last Thursday, six armed men broke into the house of Parsons and hogtied him and his wife and two daughters. The men ransacked the house, taking P133,000 in cash, along with pieces of jewelry, cell phones, Parsons' wallet and a video camera.

Parsons told investigators that Gacete walked up to him, aimed a .38-caliber revolver at his head and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed.

Parsons said he and his wife decided to chat up the robbers and they convinced them to leave by telling that Marikina policemen were coming to his house to have breakfast with them.

The robbers left and commandeered a passing jeep while Parsons, who was freed by Rosemary, took his .45-caliber pistol, pursued the robbers and engaged them in a brief gun battle.

One of the suspected robbers was hit in the head, while Gacete was wounded. Another suspect tried to stab Parsons when the actor ran out of bullets.

But Parsons managed to grab the knife and used it to slit the suspect's throat, police said. The rest of the suspects escaped.

'Councilors not elected to argue'

By Jerome Aning

THE FEUD between the Manila City council majority and Councilor Isko Moreno over who should be the presiding officer is affecting the public image of the city council, according to Moreno's colleagues.

Minority floor leader Don Ramon Bagatsing yesterday said the controversy — on whether Moreno can preside over the body as acting vice mayor — must be resolved soon. "The integrity of the council is at stake here," Bagatsing told the INQUIRER over the phone. "It's quite unfortunate that the disagreement has become public.

"We were not elected to argue and make public our personal differences," he added.

Last Thursday, the majority councilors refused to recognize Moreno, an independent, as the presiding officer, calling him "too eager for power." The actor-turned politician in turn accused the majority of persecuting him because he is "a mere uneducated Tondo boy."

Bagatsing, of the city's fourth district, said he is confident the row would be settled because Moreno and the majority councilors are "all intelligent and independent men."

Another minority councilor, Bernardito Ang, called on the Department of Interior and Local Government to quickly resolve the controversy. He pointed out that all councilors are implicitly recognizing Moreno's authority by coursing documents on salary funding and other matters through his office.

"If he is the acting vice mayor, he should also be the acting presiding officer of the council," said Ang, of the third district.

He said the return of Vice Mayor Danilo Lacuna on July 24 could render the controversy moot and academic. But it still has to be settled, "if only to enrich jurisprudence in our city," he said.

Moreno, a former member of the majority, became the acting vice mayor on June 28, one day after the councilors started a 20-day recess. Moreno questioned the recess, saying the council, as provided by the city charter, should have sessions twice a week. The majority ignored his three calls for a session.

No safe place in this country?

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

THERE'S no place in this country which can be considered safe.

A few days ago, Mary Ong, also known as Rosebud, was held up by unidentified armed men inside Camp Aguinaldo after she withdrew money from a bank inside the camp!

Rosebud stays inside Camp Aguinaldo, general headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, because she is being given military protection for exposing policemen involved in drug trafficking.

If the military couldn't protect Rosebud from robbers, can it protect her from rogue policemen who would want her dead?

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Even military and police camps, supposedly well guarded, are not safe from criminals.

Why? Because the criminals are insiders, not outsiders. Meaning they're military men or policemen.

A couple of years ago, this corner exposed the rampant break-ins into the homes of police generals in Camp Crame, and the theft of motor vehicles inside the camp.

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If the policemen can't even protect their own homes from criminals, can you expect them to protect the homes of citizens they are sworn to protect?

By the way, the burglar who broke into the homes of generals inside Camp Crame a couple of years ago was caught. The perpetrator was a member of the Women Auxiliary Corps (WAC) of the defunct Philippine Constabulary (PC).

Nothing came of the cases filed against her. The generals she victimized did not pursue the criminal cases probably because they were ashamed to have the world know that they were crime victims.

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Hey, wait! I take back my statement that no place in this country is safe. There is: Davao City, home of Mindanao's "Dirty Harry," Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

Burglars, bank robbers, drug pushers, kidnappers, rapists, cellphone snatchers have left the city and are now plying their nefarious trade elsewhere. They don't want to be included in the statistics of unsolved murders.

If you are an honest businessman, think of investing in the city. If you want a peaceful retirement, think of settling down in the city.

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Please don't ask me why the lowlife have left the city. Even if I knew I wouldn't tell you. It's a secret that Duterte holds in his breast.

But some criminals were found dead after their names were mentioned by the mayor in his weekly radio program.

Even young criminals are not spared from vigilante killings. A 14-year-old street kid snatched the cellular phone of a student who happened to be disabled. When the cripple tried to resist, the boy stabbed him dead. The following day, the 14-year-old streetchild was found dead, himself a victim of stabbing.

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You say Davao City has become a no-man's land? Yes, for criminals, not for law abiding citizens like you and me.

When citizens are able to walk the streets without fear of being robbed or raped, when they are able to sleep in their homes without fear of being burglarized, don't you think you should give credit to those unidentified people who make that possible?

But please don't compare the Davao City vigilantes—that is, if ever they exist at all— with the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF), which also engaged in vigilante killings. PAOCTF men killed criminals who were not in their stable. Or criminals who had outlived their usefulness.

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In short, the leaders of the PAOCTF had an agenda, political or personal. They wanted to look good by catching criminals who operated without their blessing, or who had overstepped their bounds set by PAOCTF.

But PAOCTF also spared criminals whom they appointed as "assets" and whom they would later kill in stage-managed shootouts when the time came. That way, they were able to keep the crime rate neither up nor down—just on the balance, so to speak—so the citizenry would be dependent on them.

How do I know all this? From talking with some former members of the PAOCTF.

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Two sisters, aged 13 and 17, are crying for justice after it was denied them by a prosecutor in Aurora province.

The girls filed rape complaints against Mayor Vicente dela Cruz of Dilasag town.

The prosecutor who handled the preliminary investigation of their complaints dismissed them for "lack of merit and insufficiency of evidence."

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P@#$%&^! What more could that prosecutor ask when he was presented without the results of the medico-legal examination on the two young girls?

Why would two innocent *provincianas* court the ridicule of their townmates by accusing their mayor of rape? Mayor Dela Cruz is very popular among his constituents because he pays for the tuition, books, and board and lodging of poor but bright students.

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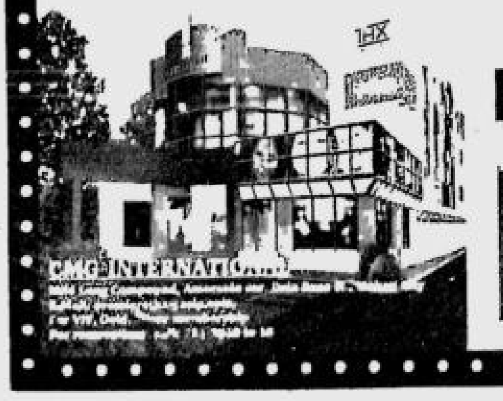

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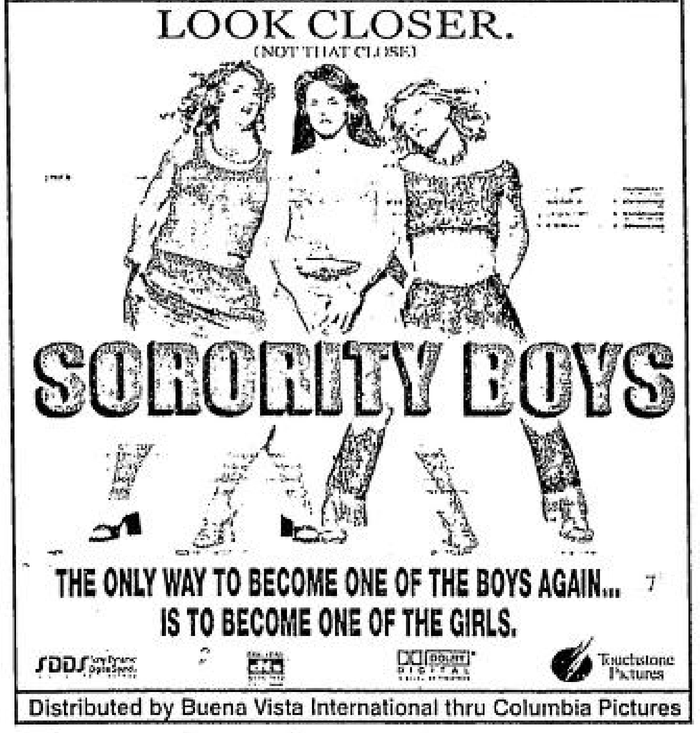
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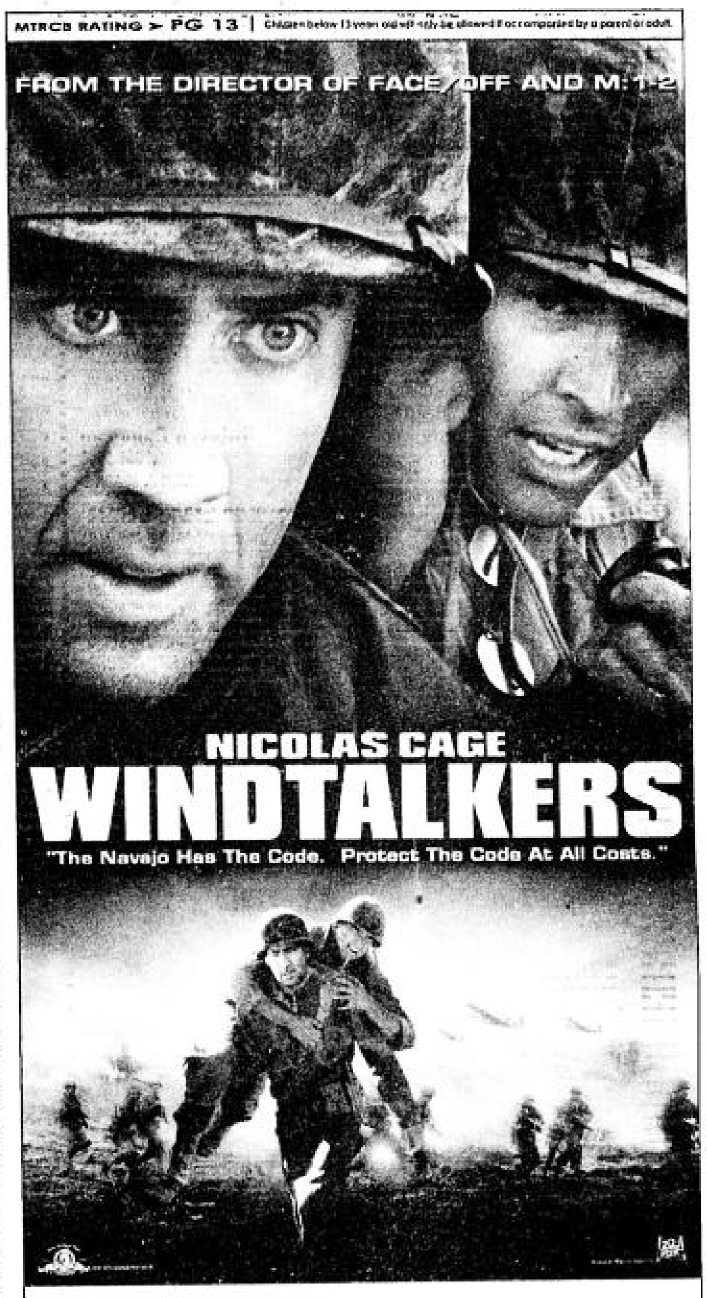
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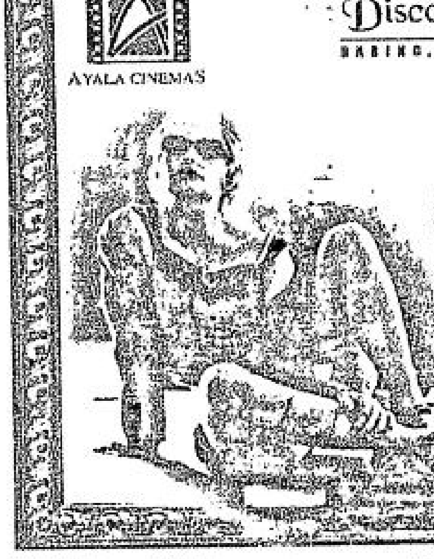

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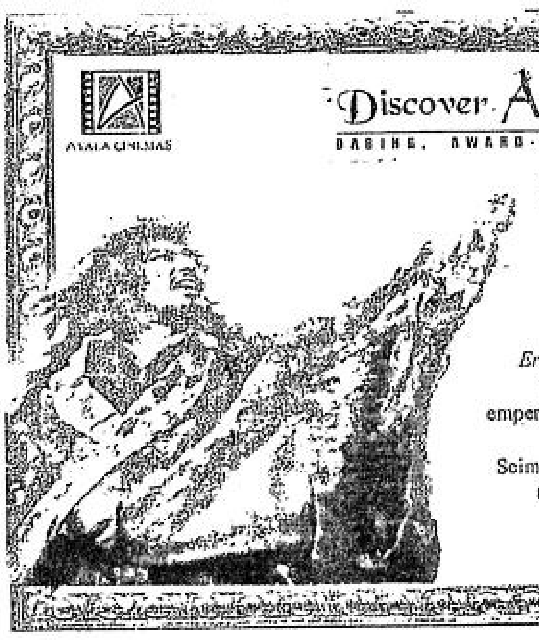

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'THE POWERPUFF GIRLS MOVIE'

Blossom, Buttercup, Bubbles save the day

REVIEW

By Luis Joaquin M. Katigbak
Contributor

FOR THOSE not in the know, the Powerpuff Girls are three little super-powered heroines named Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup who protect the city of Townsville with their special talents, which include flight, super-strength and the ability to shoot laser beams from their eyes.

The movie tells the story of their origin, and of their first run-in with their archenemy Mojo Jojo, an evil mutant monkey bent on world domination.

One might think that a cartoon feature involving animé-eyed little girl superheroes fighting mega-powered monkeys would not be suitable viewing for someone in his twenties. In this case, one would be wrong.

The Powerpuff Girls Movie is a flashy, funny, action-packed flick for everyone, with the possible exception of those who might suffer seizures as a result of its frenetic pace and bright blinding animation.

A word about the animation: While it may look crude to eyes accustomed to 3-D razzle-dazzle, it is, with all its simple, stark lines and basic shapes and colors, a highly expressive, very effective form of 2-D animation that is quite capable of eliciting ooohs and aaahs in its own fashion.

If you are a fan of the hit series on Cartoon Network, you know this already. There are, however, a few big-screen additions to the familiar TV style. It blends the 2-D animation with 3-D rendering in some scenes, notably in one involving a shiny giant runaway sphere and in another one involving a mad-scientist contraption.

Ostracized

Powerpuff fans will be familiar with the basic origin story. Mild-mannered Professor Utonium creates the three diminutive heroines by mixing in a huge vat a concoction of sugar, spice, everything nice and, accidentally, the mysterious Chemical X. The movie adds much more to this basic origin, however, such as scenes of the girls' first day at home with their parent — the professor — and scenes of them learning to deal with other children for the first time. And of course, there is the exciting and rather harrowing scene where, inspired by their schoolyard play sessions, they start a game of super-powered tag. Their game — what with their zooming through traffic, and smashing through buildings — results in the devastation of Townsville.

This in turn results in their ostracism, and their eventual deception at the hands of the scheming (and highly amusing) Mojo Jojo. They become embroiled in his "first, and greatest" master plan: to build a machine that will enable him to subjugate the citizens of Townsville, and to rule supreme! Mwahahahah!!! (Sorry. Got carried away.)

In between the action scenes and the comedy scenes, there is actually a lot going on in terms of character motivations and lesson-imparting. Mojo Jojo is a bit more complex here than he is on the TV show and, for a time, he elicits genuine sympathy instead of ridicule. And the movie does not bash the viewers' heads too obviously with the lessons — such as "people hate what they don't understand, but give them a chance," and (ahem) "with great power comes great responsibility."

Violence

I was a bit disturbed, however, by the movie's implication that ultra-violence is an effective means of solving problems and gaining acceptance. When Buttercup, the feisty, confrontational one, realizes that she has the power to punch a villain into oblivion, the discovery is treated with the same enthusiasm that might meet, say, a cure for a major disease. "You're a genius!" declares Blossom, their beribboned leader. A frenzy of villain-pummeling soon follows, with even the sweet-tempered Bubbles kicking major butt.

In fact, the Powerpuff Girls do so much butt-kicking in this movie that very young children may find it upsetting. Slightly older kids, though, who are used to the cosmic levels of brawling in shows like "Dragonball Z," for example, will find it pretty tame.

Then again, the concept of violence as a solution is built into almost every superhero story ever made.

Monkey invasion

While the moral implications of some of the movie's aspects may be problematic, its value as entertainment is unquestionable. The Major Monkey Invasion Scene alone, which involves an incredible variety of mutated simians, is worth the price of admission.

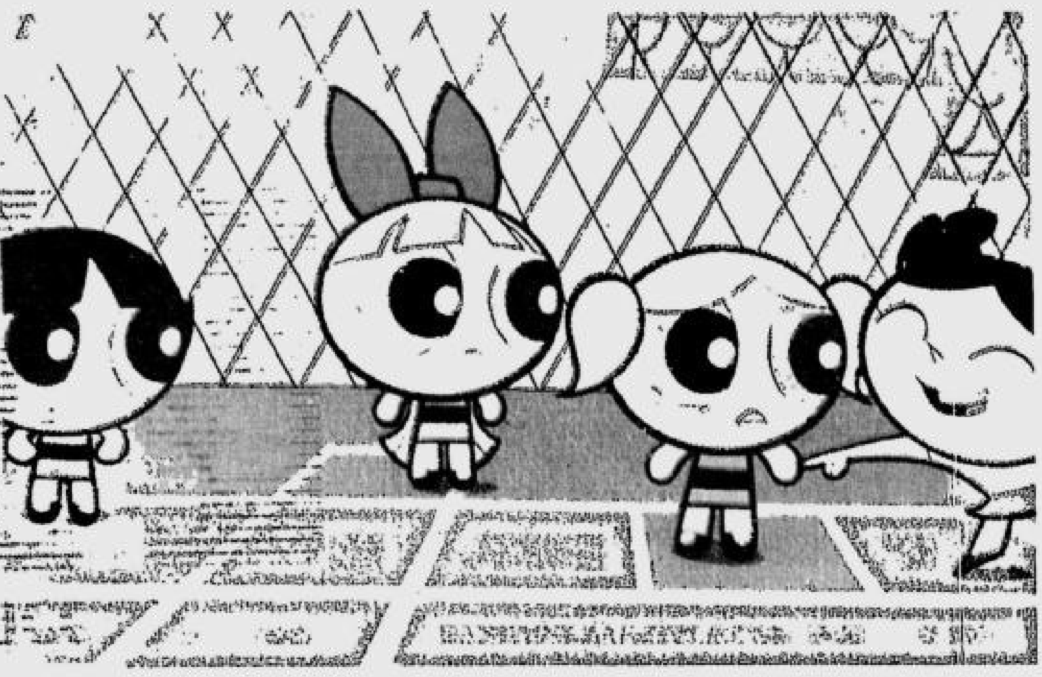
I won't spoil the Major Monkey Invasion Scene by describing it in detail. Suffice it to say that you'll know it's the Major Monkey Invasion Scene when you see it.

There are numerous puns and in-jokes, no doubt for the sake of the adults who will be bringing their kids to the movie. There's a story that, while fairly simple and ultimately predictable (does anyone doubt that the girls will "save the world before bedtime"?), is still absorbing and even, in parts, quite touching.

There's a pounding techno-flavored soundtrack that adds to the excitement. There are a lot of cute super-powered hijinks for fans of Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup.

In short, if you're looking for a fun movie to watch with your kids or your friends, or even your significant other, you could do a lot worse than pay a visit to the city of Townsville.

Just be sure to beware of falling monkeys.



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Diet turns 26, comes to terms with himself

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

DIETHER Ocampo's birthday bash this year was no typical show biz affair.

I've never missed any of his birthday parties because I consider him one of my few real friends in the biz. I must say that his 26th birthday celebration at Rockstar Libis last Tuesday was so unlike his previous birthdays. Some of the stars I spotted at Diet's party were **Joyce Jimenez**, **Andrea Bautista**, **Geneva Cruz**, **Carmina Villaroel**, **Angel Aquino**, **JM Rodriguez**, **Cutie del Mar**, **Jackie Forster**, **Samantha Lopez** and **Eric Quizon**.

I teased Diet about Joyce leaving early. He just smiled and said, "Yeah, I wonder why."

Later in the evening, Diet and Andrea were in a huddle in one corner. He really had no official date that night.

Diet has reached a point in his career where he has separated his true friends from the false ones. Gone are the hangers-on and user-friendly types.

There was hardly any TV crew or papparazzi.

I could sense that Diet has attained some sort of equilibrium. No more running around not knowing where to go. No more running away because of confusion as to who to follow.

Not too many people know that Diet has a soft, sensitive side. When he's troubled, he locks himself in his room and cries his heart out instead of partying the night away to numb himself to the pain, as most show biz people do. He has finally come to terms with himself. And as a friend who has seen him "grow," I'm truly happy for Diet.

When I also lost my bearings some years back, he was one of the first ones to be there for me and for that I'm eternally grateful to Diet.

The best birthday gift he got this year is a golden retriever he calls Downey.

During the party, Diet had a mini-concert with his band Blow. He's dead set on recording an alternative rock album with his band soon. He spent more time singing on stage than mingling with his guests. The birthday boy was doing what made him happiest.

I know that Diether's 26th birthday was more than just happy.

Happy Angel

STILL on Diet's party: I was delighted to bump into an old friend, **Angel Aquino**. We used to watch live bands and I saw how her friendship with **Paco Arespacochaga**'s former band mate **Norby** blossomed into love. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that Norby and Angel's relationship is still going strong.

She gushed: "We've been together for 2½ years already. He really makes me happy. I feel so loved, that's why I don't get attracted to other guys."

Norby is a mild-mannered guy who is happy just to be on the sidelines as he watches over Angel.

I asked Angel, "So, any marriage plans yet?"

Her eyes twinkled. "I still have to resolve the annulment of my marriage. That remains a dream."

If and when that day comes, Angel will certainly have her piece of heaven and a foretaste of paradise.

Cher and the Prince

CHER Calvin was bubbling with excitement when she told me she bumped into Prince **William** at a club in London. "He's even more gorgeous in person! I could not resist having my picture taken with him! I got to chat with him for a while. He's cool, not aloof at all. I have a controversial picture of him with his equally famous date but it's not for public consumption."

When I begged Cher to show me the pic, I almost fell off my chair and I turned green with envy. I have kissed enough frogs in my lifetime. When will my prince finally appear?

Personal

THANKS to my newfound "sister" **Joy de la Rosa** for being all the friends I've lost and ever hope to find.

Muchas gracias to my avid reader **Adamos E.** for never failing to turn my day around with his kindness.

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BIRTHDAY BOY. No more running around or away for Diether Ocampo.

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Nestor U. Torre

HOST: I hear you have a new boyfriend?

Guest: Yes, I admit! He's wonderful!

Host: What makes him so different from your past boyfriends?

Guest: He loves me so much. He has to see me all the time. *Kahit saan ako pumunta, sinusundan niya ako!*

(Is that a boyfriend, or a stalker?)

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Host: Now that you've won the case, how do you feel?

Guest: I'm so happy because this prove that in this country, the justice system is still exist!

(*Ay*, is still exist!)

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Host: What do you like about your co-star as an actress?

Guest: As an actress, *talagang sobra ang* concertation *niya!*

(*Ay, concertation!*)

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Host: What cooking tip or secret can you briefly share with our viewers today?

Guest cook: Less cook, more nice!

(That's *really* brief!)

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Quizmaster: What is the name of the queen of Thailand?

Contestant: Queen Kulikit!

(*Ay*, Kulikit!)

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Host: Are you ready for our contest?

Contestants: Ready!

Host: Good. Now, put on your Ifugao headsets!

(Our what?—Oh, you mean our Ifugao *headresses!*)

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Host: Your daughter is so cute! Do you have a second child?

Guest: We're working on it.

Host: Oh, I think that's very hard!

(Shhh, there are children listening!)

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Host: How are you and (name of actress)?

Guest: No more *na kami.*

Host: Oh? I didn't know that. Well, how do you feel about her now?

Guest: As a friend, *kaibigan ko siya.*

(*E, di kasi naman!*)

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Host: Are you into the arts? Do you sing, paint, or dance?

Guest: No, I'm more of a sportsified girl!

(A *what*?)

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Host: Are you ready for our next question?

Guests: Ready!

Host: Ok, here it is: What body part of yours do you wish *na wala kayo*?

(What a question!)

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Host: Are you still staying with your parents?

Guest: No, I left home *na*, so I'm staying alone with myself.

(Alone *na*, *may* with myself *pa*? That's really lonely!)

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Host: After all those rains and floods, what's the weather like this week?

Co-host: Today, finally, the weather is sunny—a perfect time for petty conversation!

(Speak for yourself!)

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Host: These surfing outfits are really great! What made you come up with them?

Guest: Our mission is to make clothes for surfers that are attuned to our culture!

(Do tell!)

* * *

Host: Tell us more about your new girlfriend. Is she from show biz?

Guest: No, I'm proud to say, that she's the produce of an exclusive school!

(Wheee!)

Feedback

FROM **Rina Z. Alberto** of Makati City: "I notice on TV these days that soap-opera kontrabidas are becoming almost as popular as the bidas. This development is something to be concerned about.

"Are we becoming so cynical that we admire villains for their craftiness and power to do harm? Think of the negative impression this is giving our young people, who watch the soap operas along with other members of the family.

"This fascination with villains should be neutralized as soon as possible with the focus restored on heroes and the positive values they have . . ."

Spirit of '67 holds benefit concert

SHOWS

ENJOY a night of music and memories from the '60s and '70s as the Sibul ng Aeta Foundation and Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field present "Spirit of '67 The Concert," 8 p.m. on Aug. 3 at the resort's grand ballroom.

Kick on your dance shoes, put on your '70s costume and dance the night away with the upbeat retro music of the Spirit of '67 Band.

Proceeds of the concert will go to the Sibul ng Aeta Foundation, which uplifts the Aeta community through education scholarships, livelihood projects and medical services.

In Manila, ticket reservations can be made at the Makati sales office of Holiday Inn (with telephone numbers 752-8243 or 752-8244).

Mini-concert

WEEKEND shoppers at Ever Gotesco Mall will be treated to a special afternoon of live mini-concerts featuring two upcoming stars of MCA Universal and PolyEast Records — Malik and Ybeth Garcia — on July 28 at Ever Gotesco in Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City.

The event also marks the formal launch of their debut albums under the PolyEast label.

Malik and Ybeth are gradually being noticed via their signature songs now playing in the airlanes.

Malik is winning everybody's heart with the song, "You Are My Heart," a Brian McKnight composition.

Ybeth is fast gaining a following with her debut single, "Kung Sasabihin Kong," written by award-winning songwriter Snaffu Rigor. The song is the carrier track of Ybeth's album.

Fund-raising program

KILOSBAYAN, a non-profit, nonpartisan Philippine organization known to generate public interest and participation in importation issues of public policy, brings together four of the country's top classical artists for a benefit concert. "Sa Mahal Kong Bayan," Aug. 6 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza in Makati City.

The concert will feature world-class Filipino artists — soprano Andion Fernandez, tenor Nolyn Cabahug, baritone Nomer son and pianist Lourdes Gregorio. They will perform light classics and Broadway hits.

The concert will also launch the "Justice Watch" Trust Fund aimed at ensuring the long-term viability of Kilosbayan and its sister organization Bantay Katarungan (Sentinel of Justice), which aims to help modernize and improve the Philippine justice system through a systematic monitoring and evaluation of courts of justice and administrative tribunals.

Proceeds of the concert will become part of the Kilosbayan-Bantay Katarungan endowment fund.

"We've come to realize, after People Power I and People Power II, that a discredited Executive and a tarnished Legislature may be truly disgraceful," said former Senator Jovito R. Salonga.

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SEC questions erasures in MOA with First Pacific

By Elena R. Torrijos and Doris C. Dumlao

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SECURITIES and Exchange Commission Chair Lilia R. Bautista said the SEC would ask taipan John Gokongwei Jr. to explain what could be perceived as a move to mislead the corporate watchdog over JG Summit Holdings' involvement in a $925-million joint venture with Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd.

"If what he submitted to us is different from what was submitted to the US SEC, he has to give an explanation," Bautista said in a briefing shortly after the disclosure yesterday of the memorandum of agreement signed by Gokongwei and First Pacific on June 4. The deal created a joint venture that would take over First Pacific's telecommunication and property interests in the Philippines.

The SEC's reaction stemmed from the discrepancy between the copy of the MOA filed with the US SEC and that submitted to the local regulatory agency.

Both copies showed that Gokongwei signed the MOA for and in behalf of the "Gokongwei family and JG Summit Holdings Inc." However, the SEC noted that in the copy it obtained, the words "family and JG Summit Holdings Inc." were crossed out and replaced by the words "Gokongwei group."

In SEC's copy, the commission added, references were made to "JG group" all the time.

Bautista said it "didn't sound right that he had submitted to us something different from that submitted to the US SEC. He should have known better."

The SEC said that JG Summit, being a publicly listed holding company, should have disclosed properly if it was indeed a party to the transaction.

In a statement issued yesterday, PLDT said that contrary to earlier filings and statements made by Gokongwei, the document showed that JG Summit Holdings was clearly a party to the MOA and that Gokongwei personally signed the MOA on behalf of both the Gokongwei group and JG Summit Holdings.

"Our initial review of the MOA has strengthened our belief that this transaction is far from being closed," it added.

In an interview, Gokongwei lawyer Perry Pe explained that the change in the document to exclude JG Summit had been made at the last minute and that the group "failed to correct the other copy because they were rushing."

Gokongwei, supported by statements made by First Pacific executive director Ronald Brown, had repeatedly stressed that the reference to JG Summit in the MOA was purely descriptive in nature and was not intended in

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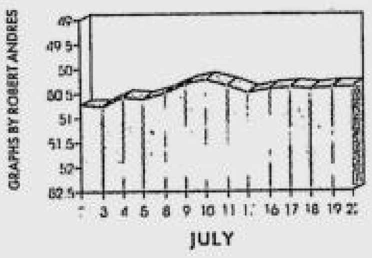

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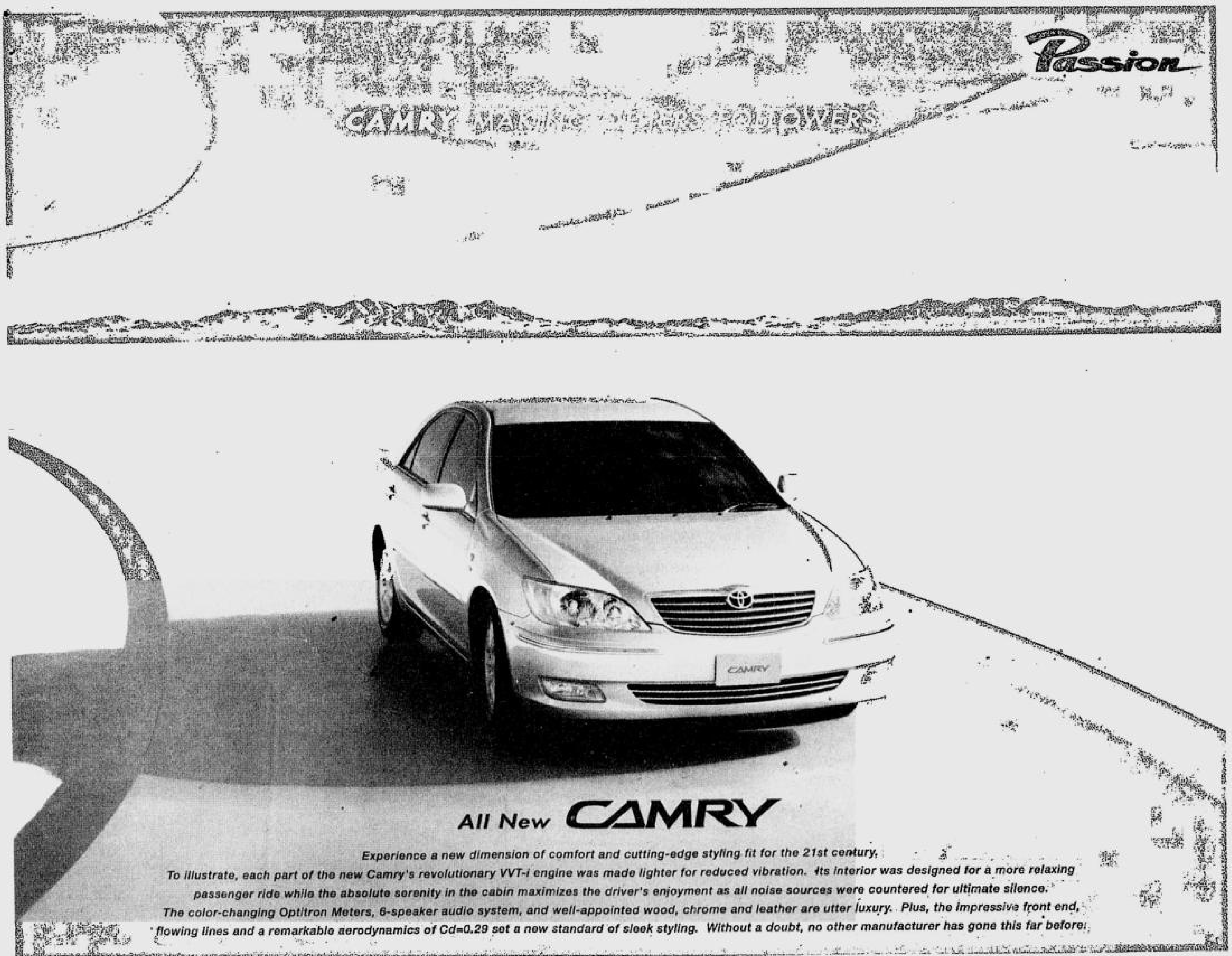
SHARES closed lower yesterday as Wall Street's more than 4-percent slide last Friday weighed on sentiment, though a solid uptick in Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) helped limit the downside, traders said.

Wall Street plunged to its lowest closing mark since October 1998 as earnings warnings and ongoing fears over corporate accounting scandals sent investors scurrying out of the market.

The main index closed down 9.69 points, or 0.83 percent, at 1,157.87. but well off the intraday low of 1,153.64. *Reuters*



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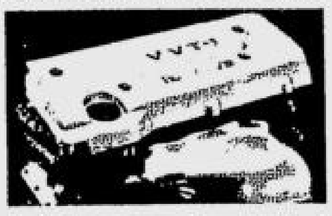
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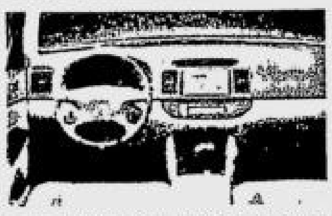
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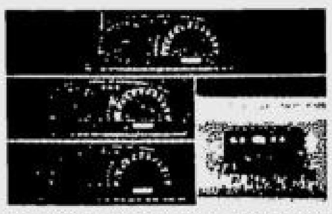
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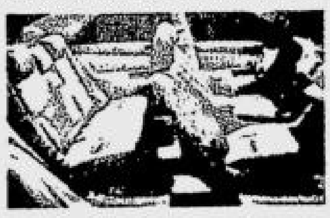
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BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

YESTERDAY was the first ever Sona that drew a lot of reactions—i.e. criticism and praise—before Gloriaetta even delivered it.

It shows our kind of politics. Everybody just wants to talk, and nobody ever wants to listen. To think, they are doing all that talking only for the sake of the motherland.

No wonder, according to surveys after surveys, business thinks that, next to peace and order, our biggest problem remains, precisely, too much politics.

Let's admit it: We are an OVER-politicized nation. The recent barangay elections proved it. With 80 people dead, we even declared the elections as peaceful.

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IN yesterday's Sona, maybe you sensed some semblance of a plan of this cute administration of Gloriaetta to solve that particular problem of too much politics.

I strained my ears, trying desperately to hear what my President would do to unify 80 million people who were all would-be politicians. Frankly, I am a little disappointed.

Gloriaetta may not be a detestable *trapo*, and nobody wants her to be that, but she also cannot just ignore politics. Everybody says it is one of our biggest problems.

Whether civil society likes it or not, whoever they are, the only way to lessen politics is for Gloriaetta herself to win as many politicians to her side as possible.

That's the only way this cute administration can enjoy political peace, at least in mainstream politics. Being a workaholic, Gloriaetta can then work all she wants.

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IN this season of surveys, another survey of so-called top executives concludes that the business community does not see a complete economic recovery before 2004.

I have a little problem with that. The survey firm, Pulse Asia, actually did it on the Internet. How many top executives even bother to turn on their computers?

The only computer-savvy cappo di tutti cappi that I know is Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, aka Jaza, who heads the Ayala group.

Most of the others think the Internet is a tennis tournament or maybe badminton or any sport using nets. Thus, the survey had all of 30 respondents.

It's not as if the mindset of those 30 lords of the survey can actually mirror the expectations of the business community regarding the entire economy.

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Monday, July 22, 2002)

STOCKS VOLUME		OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17	17.5	16.75	17.25	28,300
Bank of the Phil. Islands	49	49.5	49	49.5	128,700
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	29	29	29	29	86,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	33.5	32.5	32.5	631,400
Philippine National Bank	32	32	32	32	500
Phil. Savings Bank	28	28	28	28	1,000
Security Bank Corp.	14	14	14	14	6,200
Union Bank of the Phil.	19	19	18.5	18.5	73,800
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.35	0.5	0.35	0.4	160,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1270	1270	1265	1260	3,290
Sun Life Financial Serv.	975	975	950	950	5,180
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.68	0.71	0.68	0.71	3,060,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	530	530	520	525	6,380
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	1,200,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	3,500,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	10,000
Piltel	0.33	0.35	0.33	0.35	90,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	10,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	330	345	330	342.5	170,800
Ivantage Corp.	0.35	0.5	0.35	0.5	1,480,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.012	28,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20	20.5	20	20.25	7,700
Manila Electric Co. B	29	29	28.5	28.5	70,700
Petron Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.74	1.76	1,826,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	2,700,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	14,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	108,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Union Cement Corp.	0.71	0.71	0.7	0.7	300,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	45,900
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	33	33	33	33	10,300
RFM Corp.	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	180,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47	47	46.5	47	20,600
San Miguel Corp. B	53.5	54	52.5	52.5	66,700
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg. B	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	10,000
Ayala Corp.	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	472,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.55	2.55	2.48	2.5	7,299,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.26	500,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	90,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	1,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	30,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.36	580,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	10,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	14.75	14.75	13.75	14	2,540,100
Global Equities Inc.	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	1,300,000
Ionics Inc.	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	23,000
Keppel Phil. Holdings B	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	50,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.68	2,900,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.48	0.5	0.48	0.5	30,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.28	2,070,000
Music Corp.	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.15	190,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.28	600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.42	0.45	0.42	0.45	50,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.5	0.55	0.5	0.55	130,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	1,000,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.47	0.47	110,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	23	23	23	23	150,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	775	775	775	775	100
Equitable PCI Bank-War	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	340,000
Jollibee Warrants	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	25,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10	10	10	10	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,600
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	5,000,000
OTHERS					
Far Eastern University	450	450	450	450	1,050
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.9	6	5.9	5.9	253,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	200,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	100,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	100,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	290,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.28	2.3	2.26	2.3	335,000
City & Land Developers	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	10,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	200,000
SM Development Corp.	0.8	0.82	0.8	0.81	650,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.7	967,000
UrbanCorp.Realty Dev. Inc.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	200,000
MINING					
Omico Corp.	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	3,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't. Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	630,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	1,950,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	400,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	2,000,000
Pacifica	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	900,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	50,000

CURRENCIES

July 22, 2002

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency In US$	Foreign currency In Peso
United States	Dollar	0.988728	1.000000	50.3820
Japan	Yen	0.008544	0.008641	0.4354
United Kingdom	Pound	1.561202	1.579000	79.5532
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.126762	0.128207	6.4593
Switzerland	Franc	0.686236	0.694059	34.9681
Canada	Dollar	0.640825	0.648130	32.6541
Singapore	Dollar	0.571024	0.577534	29.0973
Australia	Dollar	0.549599	0.555864	28.0055
Bahrain	Dinar	2.622762	2.652661	133.6464
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.263654	0.266660	13.4349
Brunei	Dollar	0.567583	0.574053	28.9219
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000113	0.000114	0.0057
Thailand	Baht	0.024461	0.024740	1.2465
UAE	Dirham	0.269218	0.272287	13.7184
Korea	Won	0.000855	0.000865	0.0436
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.011400	50.9564
Argentina	Real	0.275412	0.278552	14.0340
Brazil	Real	0.345106	0.349040	17.5853
Denmark	Kroner	0.134833	0.136370	6.8706
India	Rupee	0.020323	0.020555	1.0356
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.260226	0.263193	13.2602
Mexico	New Peso	0.102385	0.103552	5.2172
New Zealand	Dollar	0.482001	0.487496	24.5610
Norway	Kroner	0.134238	0.135768	6.8403
Pakistan	Rupee	0.016618	0.016807	0.8468
South Africa	Rand	0.099783	0.100921	5.0846
Sweden	Kroner	0.106489	0.107703	5.4263
Syria	Pound	0.019236	0.019455	0.9802
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.030172	0.030516	1.5375
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000782	0.000791	0.0399

Explain . . .

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any manner to make JG Summit a party to the agreement.

"This description continues simply to reflect our internal understanding that the Gokongwei group is a Manila-based group whose holding company is JG Summit Holdings Inc., which has substantial business interests in real estate and hotels, petrochemicals, branded consumer foods, agro-industrial commodity food products, airline and telecommunications," Brown said.

"There never was, and continues not to be, any intention on our part that JG Summit Holdings Inc. itself would be a contracting party to the proposed joint venture or in the MOA," Brown added.

Pe said that "they don't know yet which corporate vehicle of the Gokongweis would be involved in the deal."

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Gokongwei said JG Summit Holdings would hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss whether to join a plan by the Gokongwei family to buy a controlling stake in Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

Gokongwei said the JG Summit board would discuss the deal he reached with First Pacific Co.

Apart from the discrepancy in the two copies of the MOA raised by the SEC, the agreement as disclosed to the PSE contained no surprises. "There was nothing in it that had not been previously announced by Gokongwei," KGI Securities vice president for sales Henry Ong said.

WORLDCOM BANKRUPTCY

Asian markets slide following Wall St. plunge

TOKYO—Fears about a wilting US economic recovery chipped away at share prices in Asia Monday, after news of US telecommunications giant WorldCom's bankruptcy arrived just as markets opened across the region.

Asian bourses started with a spate of selling, taking their cue from the plunge on Wall Street last week. In Tokyo, Asia's biggest stock market, the benchmark index slid and then recovered slightly but settled lower at the end of the session.

While dealers said Asian markets would continue to be buffeted by Wall Street's gyrations, they added Asian shares were looking cheap.

The Dow Jones industrials index plunged 390.23 points or 4.6 percent to 8,019.26, below the depths plumbed in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 terror attacks and the lowest level since Oct. 14, 1998.

The damage was more contained on the Nasdaq composite, which fell 2.8 percent or 37.80 points to 1,319.15.

The news Monday morning Asian time that telecommunications giant WorldCom—faced with a mountain of debt and a growing scandal over accounting irregularities—had little impact on Asian markets, although some telecoms stocks fell, dealers said.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average closed down 13.35 points, or 0.13 percent, to finish at 10,189.01 points. Earlier in the day, the index recovered after losing 1.37 percent in early trading but it finished the session lower. On Friday, it had lost 2.82 percent.

The WorldCom bankruptcy is just the latest in a stunning series of corporate collapses in the United States that have stirred up fears in Asian stock markets.

The bad news is also coming at a time when Japanese firms are counting on exports to the United States and the rest of Asia to lift profits and help the nation's budding recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 390.23 points Friday, its seventh biggest one-day point loss ever, and closed at its lowest level in nearly four years. For the week, it fell 7.7 percent.

Kazunori Jinnai, general manager at Daiwa Securities, said Japan's stocks weren't directly affected by specific accounting scandals or bankruptcies in the United States. The fears were more about a slowdown in American recovery, which could dent consumption and erode Japanese corporate profits.

"As for individual problems, the feeling here is: That's none of our business," Jinnai said.

Wall Street's woes hurt other Asian bourses as well and sent share prices downward in Europe, including Paris, London and Frankfurt, in early trading.

The Korea Composite Stock Price Index, or Kospi, closed at 720.90, down 33.72 points or 4.47 percent.

"People are very nervous about the United States, and the market consensus is that it will take a long time for the American market to manage its accounting problem," said Lim Changgue, a fund manager at Samsung Investment Trust Management.

Hong Kong's financial secretary, Antony Leung, said he hoped Hong Kong investors would exercise restraint and think of their own long-term investment strategies.

"Of course, the correction in global markets this time has been relatively large and Hong Kong can't avoid being affected," said Leung, a former banker.

By late afternoon, the benchmark Hang Seng Index shed 187.12 points, or 1.81 percent to stand at 10,138.34.

Share prices were also down in Singapore. In late afternoon trading, the blue chip Straits Times index fell 1.56 percent, or 24.32 points, to 1,535.86.

The benchmark index for the Taiwan Stock Exchange closed at 5,043.50 points, down 118.42 points, or 2.29 percent. *AP, AFP*

T-bill yields down slightly

By Clarissa S. Batino

TREASURY bill yields—a measure of where interest rates are headed—fell slightly yesterday.

Banks tried feebly to jack up these rates, tendering lower bids for the benchmark 91-day T-bill and higher bids for the longer-dated debt papers, but the government easily routed them.

The yield on the 91-day tenor slid by 0.08 basis points to 4.77 percent, while the 182-day T-bill rate declined by two basis points to 5.716 percent. The yield on the one-year debt paper, meanwhile, was unchanged at 5.856 percent.

The government raised only P6.82 billion from the T-bill auction, as the offers for the six-month and one-year treasuries were lower than the P3 billion and P2.5 billion that the government offered for sale.

Only the volume of bids for the 91-day debt papers exceeded the P3.5 billion worth of tenders.

"The market knows the government would not accept high rates, and some banks are running out of inventories of 91-day T-bills after we rejected two straight auctions. So they submitted reasonable bids this time," Deputy Treasurer Eduardo Mendiola said.

Mendiola said the government was likely to keep T-bill rates flat or even lower at its next auction in a fortnight.

"We will still be maintaining the same rates if not down. Fundamentals still remain the same. We find no reason for rates to be going up," he told reporters after the government accepted bids for all T-bill tenors at its regular auction, the first time it had done so since June 10.

He said the government still had a healthy cash position following the successful issuance of P62.95 billion worth of three- and five-year retail treasury bonds and $300-million worth of seven-year global bonds last month.

DBS Vickers closes RP operations

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOREIGN broker DBS Vickers Securities officially announced yesterday the transfer of its securities business to local broker SB Equities Inc. in line with its decision to shut down its Philippine operations by Aug. 31.

DBS Vickers, a unit of Asia's biggest bank, Development Bank of Singapore, and one of the most active brokers in the Philippine Stock Exchange, said it would stop taking orders from clients starting July 29.

"The closure of the business is based purely on commercial reasons and was taken after due consideration. The financial decision was made in the best interests of its shareholders, clients and employees," DBS Vickers said in a statement from Singapore.

DBS Vickers said it had put in place a "fair redundancy package" and an outplacement service to support affected staff.

"With the closure of its Philippine office, DBS Vickers Securities remains one of the largest brokerage firms in the region, headquartered in Singapore with offices in Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia and institutional sales offices in the USA and UK," the statement said.

SB Equities, which would absorb DBS Vickers' operations, is the stock brokerage unit of Security Bank Corp.

DBS Vickers' decision to leave the local stock market at a time when trading volumes have again shrunk to depressing levels, brought back jitters that the shake-out of foreign stockbrokers that started last year might not be over.

Breaktime

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Offhand, I can name several groups that are investing on expansion or acquisition: San Miguel, Ayala, Gokongwei, Henry Sy's SM, Honda Motor, MRT, etc.

How Pulse Asia could conclude a lot of things about the economy, based on a survey of 30 "top executives," is quite amazing. It's close to the biblical story of creation.

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IN the earlier survey of the MBC—the Makati Business Club—big business thinks business is looking up due to higher economic growth and improvement in exports.

Still, they don't want to invest. Such a qualified confidence, I thought, only showed that the business community actually lost their . . . well, balls.

But as the survey clearly points out, it's not due to poor expectations on the economy. It is, in fact, looking up. The problems, it showed, are non-economic.

Their biggest worry is peace and order. The other worries are politics and corruption—or too much of them.

Surely, kidnap-for-ransom is on top of the peace-and-order problem. Who are kidnap gangs kidnapping other than the rich, who all have businesses?

Let's admit it: Kidnapping is really the rich man's concern. The poor do not worry about it. Thus, the problem in business, after all, has something to do with balls.

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AND another survey says consumer confidence is up, and it has even posted a big tremendous jump. What's more, confidence is up despite the issues on IPP and PPA.

I heard, by the way, Napocor president Jesus Alcordo is getting threats for breakfast nowadays. He is exposing some anomalies in a Napocor plant.

That is the CBK—Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan power plant complex—which serves as the power switch for the entire Luzon grid. It is, in short, a vital complex.

Word is that Alcordo is not happy with the contractor for CBK, which is the one and only Impsa, the Argentine company that made the word "ninong" famous.

Impsa, as you know, wrestled with the CBK contract through three—repeat, three—administrations. Its local subsidiary is known as the CBK Power Corp.

The poor Alcordo, it is said, is taking issue with CBK Power on several aspects of the CBK rehabilitation. Foremost of them is the so-called spillway in the CBK dam.

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EARLIER, Alcordo already fought against—and he apparently lost—the payment of the government to Impsa/CBK Power for work which it has not yet done.

Under its contract with Napocor, Impsa/CBK Power must rehabilitate the power complex, and it must be paid for the completed work as it progresses.

By some mysterious schemes, Impsa/CBK Power got a payment of about P1.3 billion—again, that's BILLION—by charging Napocor a "capital recovery fee."

What is it again? To Alcordo, from what I heard, it is just another name for advance payment by Napocor to Impsa/CBK for work the latter may or may not do.

But the biggest problem is the spillway in the CBK complex. The spillway is the valve of the dam, releasing water if, like our politics, there's too much of it.

Under the contract, Impsa/CBK Power is supposed to build a new spillway because the existing one is feared to be weak already.

Nobody can really say when it will give up, and it can be anytime. This is a big problem not only for Napocor but for all the neighborhoods in the area.

Word is, therefore, Alcordo could not understand how come Impsa/CBK Power succeeded in removing that portion on the new spillway in its contract. It's very easy, boss, I tell you, it's very easy!

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EVERCREST A/B*	135,000 *	100,000
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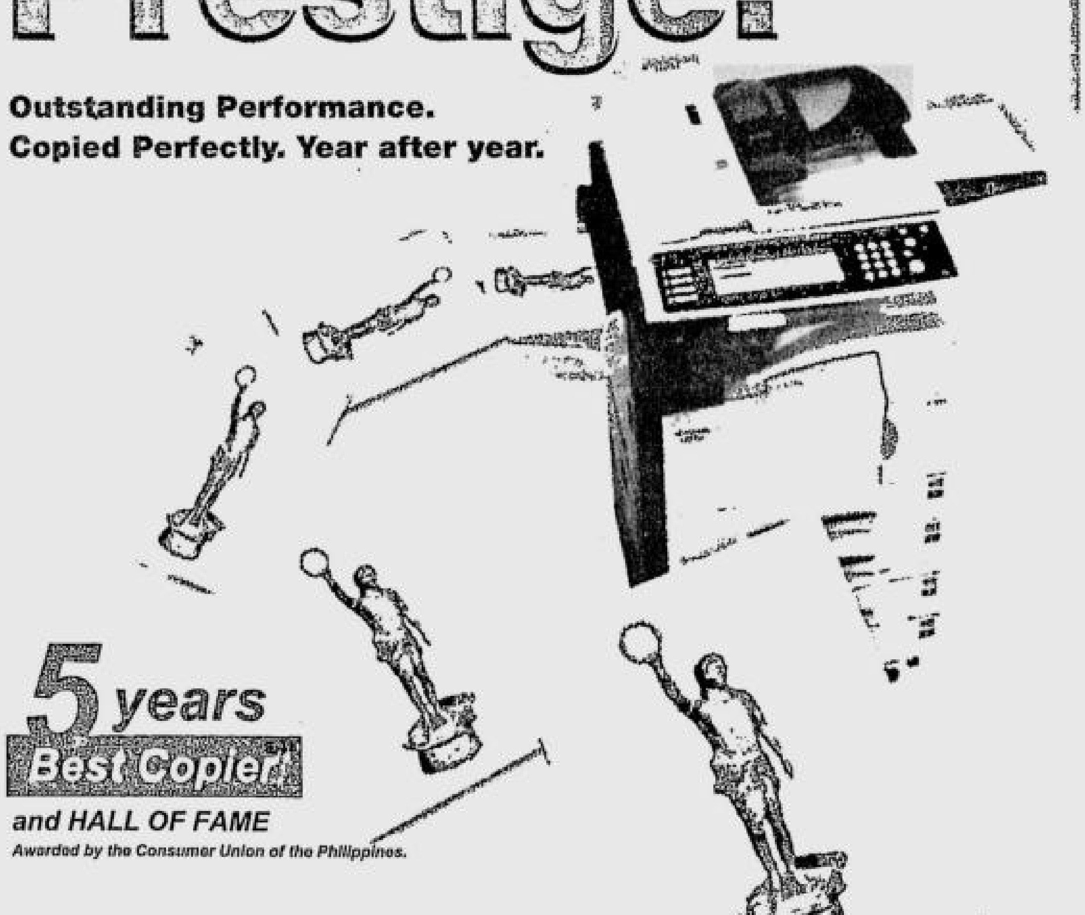

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Building a future-proof office building

By Charles E. Buban

THERE'S A NEW trend in constructing office buildings and it's something you won't readily see on the outside. In fact, they lay hidden under the floors, above the ceilings and behind the walls of these buildings. Gone were the days when all you had to do was get the best designer and architect. This time, building developers take their cue from their clients—listening to their needs and examining what else can be done to maximize their output.

"You need to attract more investors and to do that you need to provide them infrastructures that their business need to perform more effectively here," suggests Hidehisa Otomo, COO and EVP of MDS Circuit Technology Inc. "This country already has ample supply of talented people but there are still too few of buildings here and that's what this country needs to supply."

When MDS considered setting up an operation here in the Philippines, it scouted for buildings that suit its requirements. As a company providing IT-enabled services such as software development, electronics circuits designing and printed wiring board designing, it can't afford to be distracted by things like fluctuating power supply, unstable climate inside workplace, and other factors that would jack up its operating cost.

"We needed an environment that would constantly operate at its peak levels since we can't allow imperfections to touch on the precision products we work on here. Net One Center answered these requirements allowing us full control of our workplace's climate, continuous power supply backed up by generators and reliable connectivity to our clients in Japan and elsewhere," explains Otomo.

Indeed, Net One Center located in Fort Bonifacio Global City in Taguig, is ideal for locators with 24/7 operations like MDS. As the first boutique office building in the Philippines that goes beyond its physical framework, Net One has a luxurious structure that is ready to provide the necessary tools to even the most competitive players in the world of commerce and information technology. The building boasts of independently controlled air-conditioning with 20 on/off temperature settings using the Variable Refrigerant Flow system with provision for additional air-conditioning units. It is also backed up by two diesel-powered 1,250 KVA generators with a 10-second automatic transfer switch for continuous power supply.

New standard for IT buildings

Rising 17 stories high on a 23,013 sq.-m-lot area, Net One Center is a fusion of state-of-the-art technology and world-class quality standards. The building, developed by 19-1 Realty Corp. (an alliance of the Rufino Group of Companies and Jacques Dupasquier of the ADD Group of Companies), goes beyond its luxurious façade by giving its tenant unequalled connectivity to the world.

Net One Center is hooked to the digital highway via the Fort Bonifacio Global City's fiber optic loop—an 11-km underground fiber optic cabling network that supports communication requirements from telephones to the fastest interactive video and data technology available.

WITH ITS imposing yet genteel symphony of aluminun, glass, granite and marble, Net One Center is a state-of-the-art art building that provides connectivity vital to the most competitive players in the world of commerce and information technology.

This means any company locating at Net One will have full access to the world. As of now, the PLDT provides the telecommunication requirements of Net One Center, fitting in 150 lines per floor. The building is in the final stages of completing connection with Globe, Digitel, Bayantel and Eastern Telecoms. Other IT and telecom services will be provided by PLDT IDC and Eastern Telecoms

"Our operations here entails communicating in real time with our headquarters in Germany, which is on the other side of the world. They would contact us regularly through teleconference about certain specifications our client requires or how many items are needed to be delivered over there—only a quick Internet access will permit that and we have it here," says Tim Fischer of Empress Dental Laboratories.

For its high performance telecommunication backbone, Net One Center carries the 62.5/125 multimode optical fiber with voice, data and video capability (at 12 fibers per floor), Cat 5e unshielded twisted pair and hybrid coaxial cable with Cat-5 cabling for telecommunications per floor.

Net One Center not only included all the technological requirements relevant to today's needs, but also put in provisions for future expansion. Flexible cable management is possible, thanks to the 7.5-cm raised flooring in all floors, while microwave technology is made available via a 40-m telecom tower on the roof deck. Additional space for vertical risers is also available for future telecommunications expansion requirements.

"Things are changing so fast, we cannot predict the new technologies coming in. That's why Net One Center make sure it is equipped to be one step ahead of the future," says Macario Rufino, president of 19-1 Realty Corp.

Prime location

Net One Center is the first office building to be completed in the 57-hectare "Big Delta," site of the Global City's Central Business District. Within this property lies the e-square project which the Philippine Economic Zone Authority has accredited as an "IT Zone." This means locators within this area get to enjoy government incentives like income tax holiday for up to six years (thereafter replaced by a 5 percent tax on gross income for qualified locators) and an exemption from duties and taxes on importation of qualified capital equipment.

"This is significant because it allows companies such as ours to operate cost-effectively, enjoying certain incentives and exemptions," explains Paul Friday, chief technology officer of Cormant Technologies, which is engaged in delivering industry leading facilities management package that provides an open framework for integration of cable and equipment, asset and network management products.

Friday believes that putting up more projects within these specialized locations would truly attract more investors. "Apart from the incentives, Net One Center being located here in Global City allows its tenants great accessibility to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, and business centers like the Ayala, plus there are commercial centers and recreational establishments nearby," he further adds.

Says 19-1 Realty Corp. chair Jacques Dupasquier: "Net One Center wants to establish a new benchmark for office buildings in the country. We want to raise the level of expectations of our locators and, at the end of the day, to give them what they truly deserve rather than what is readily available."

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Global trends and revolutionary ideas

GLOBALIZATION has changed the benchmarks for progress, good urban planning and architecture and we now look to the world's pacesetters in terms of city development and management, urban design and architecture. In this modern world of telecommunications and global trade, we need to draw lessons from the experience of other cities in the world.

These statements were made by world-renowned architect and urban planner Felino "Jun" Palafox Jr. during the recent general membership meeting of the Management Association of the Philippines at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila in Makati City.

On the theme "Global Trends and Revolutionary Ideas in Urban Development," he said that for Palafox Associates, their "urban laboratory" are the more than 100 cities in the six continents they have visited, studied and observed. Most of these progressive cities have learned from their past mistakes, the lessons from which they (at Palafox Associates) would like to input into their projects.

The principal architect, urban planner, founder and managing partner of Palafox Associates, Palafox cited environmental quality and sustainable development as one of the most important universally accepted principles of urban development, because according to him, we have to ensure that development is good not just for the present generation, but should sustain and enhance the resources and the environment for future generations.

He pointed out that for cities to become sustainable, the residents must create their own control systems and so-called "early-warning device," continually monitoring their impact on the environment. Developments, he said, should be energy-efficient and we should utilize appropriate building technology and designs responsive to our tropical climate and which minimize pollution.

New urban movement

He likewise presented the new concepts of the "New Urbanism," an urban design movement which addresses the ills of the current expansion development pattern evident in many cities and metropolitan areas today and as an alternative planning framework, offers new and more responsible models of development.

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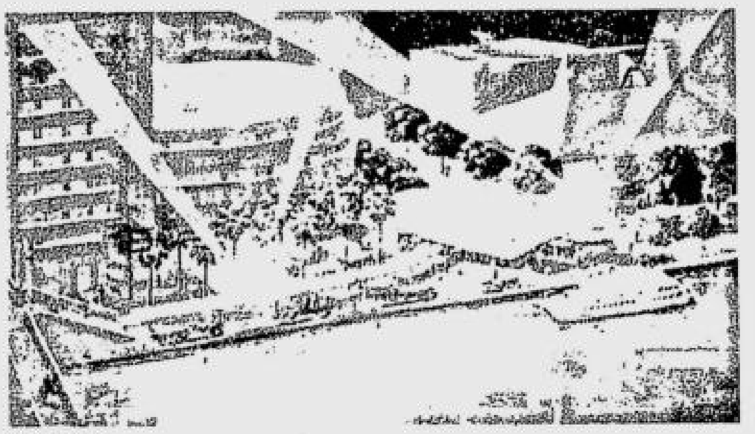

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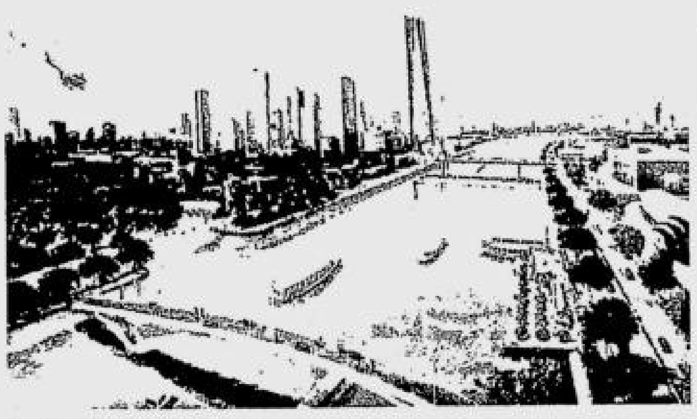


PASIG River of the future

Palafox explained that there are some key principles which foster the New Urbanism and one of these is that development should be in the form of compact, walkable neighborhoods and/or cities or municipalities, with clearly defined centers and edges where the center necessarily includes a public space, public buildings (such as a library, medical clinic, playground or sports center), a transit shop and retail business.

He added that streets should be laid out as an interconnected network, forming coherent blocks where building entrances face the street rather than parking lots and public transportation should connect neighborhoods to each other, the central city and the surrounding region.

Palafox went on to say that another important principle of the new urbanism is the advocacy for a diverse mix of activities (residences, shops, schools, workplaces, parks, etc.) in close proximity to each other, rationalizing that a wide spectrum of housing options should enable people of a broad range of incomes, ages and family types to live within single neighborhood, town or city, which encourages a healthy interaction or bonding among various kinds of people resulting in a community which cherishes social civic values.

Walkable cities

"Another major element in the new urban movement is pedestrianization and the concept of walkable cities. Walkable cities are livable cities and among the recognized walkable cities in the world are the American cities of Boston, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, old European cities like Paris, London, Venice and Florence, and the prominent cities of Asia like Fukuoka in Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong," Palafox emphasized.

He maintained that a comfortable and pleasant walk is made possible to and from destinations by clustering related establishments close to each other, where streetscapes are characterized by vibrant activity, and architectural elements designed for the human scale, emphasizing their history and spirit of the place.

These, he said, are in contrast to postwar planned cities which require the use of the automobile to traverse distances between destinations and since planning then was oriented to the speeding car, the streetscape did not emphasize design elements and details that a pedestrian could appreciate.

Transport-oriented devt

To complement walkable cities, Palafox presented the concept of transport-oriented development (TOD), which recognizes the potential of lending complete mixed-use and multi-use communities to transit and intermodal terminals, airports and ports, thereby considering transport not merely as a means of distribution, but a significant nucleus of economic and human settlements, by itself.

He described an urban TOD as characterized by commercial intensity, job clusters and moderate to high-density residential land use, wherein fingers of greenery and a network of public open spaces are essential to this type of development and where large turnover of people are expected at modal points.

There is likewise a trend, he said, toward mixed use and multi-use developments because this type of development in contrast to single stand-alone developments are major self-sufficient development projects associated with distinctive identity and place and the diversity of uses is conducive to vibrant and mutually-enhancing daytime and nighttime activities.

This development concept, he disclosed, was implemented in the Rockwell Center in Makati City and at the SM Central Business Park in Pasay City where the place of residence is linked to places of work, shopping, dining, places of worship and family entertainment/amusement to places of culture and tourism, to places of learning and places of health care in park-like settings.

Front doors of development

As for waterfront development, Palafox stressed that the current practice of treating our waterways as "back of the house," as in the case with most developments along the Pasig River, encourages the proliferation of squatter settlements along the banks and the indiscriminate disposal of untreated industrial and domestic waste into the river.

"These should be a paradigm from treating our waterfronts as "front doors of development," rather "back of the house garbage areas." More "eyes on the river," will protect our waterways from further pollution," Palafox further said.

He underscored the importance of initiating waterfront developments that assign prime value to waterways traversing the metropolis, even and especially at this time when these are largely polluted.

Other concepts

Touching on industrial and business parks, he said that the impact of free trade stresses the importance of competitive sites dedicated to the development of business and industry and of late, a shift from the traditional industrial/business park with small plots, to the township type of park is growing.

As for Ecotourism, which is responsible travel to natural areas which conserves the environment and improves the welfare of local people, Palafox hailed the Department of Tourism's move of now espousing it as a philosophy, saying that they at Palafox Associates, are fully supporting ecotourism as exemplified in their master plans of Puerto Princesa City in Palawan; Guimaras; Lake Naujan in Mindoro; Sagay City in Negros Oriental; Nasugbu, Batangas; Bulacan and Cavite, among others.

At the same meeting, Palafox likewise discussed "Going Back to Nature in the Metropolis," "Development Options for a Region with High Growth Demand," "Infill Development," "Edge Cities," "Agropolitan Approach to Development," "Affordable Housing" and "Master Planned Communities."

Palafox, a governor and cochairperson of the MAP's committee on environment and urban development, also presented his "postcards from the future" which depicts the marked improvement and advancement of well-known landmarks like the waterfront developments along the Pasig River, at Guadalupe near Rockwell Center and Mandaluyong, the Binondo area, Escolta, Lambingan Bridge and Edsa.

New village offers free site tripping

AN IDEAL community that will offer the comforts of high . countryside living, convenience of commercial presence and practicality of urban location is being developed in Plaridel, Bulacan,

Free site tripping is available to enable prospective dwellers to visit La Mirada Royale Residential and Commercial Estates, a self-contained community ideal for residents of Metro Manila and nearby towns. The developer is Sta. Lucia Realty and Development Inc.

Manny T. Atendido, vice president for sales and marketing of Royale Homes Marketing Corp., said La Mirada is a Spanish-inspired community that is only about 40-minute ride from Metro Manila. Thus, it's an ideal community for executives, entrepreneurs, professionals and employees working in Metro Manila and nearby towns as well as students.

Atendido said that even Metro Manila residents who hail from Central Luzon and northern provinces may prefer La Mirada simply because it is near their home provinces.

He said the soon-to-rise community is Bulacan's next center point where people from some towns in Bulacan and neighboring provinces will converge. The site is the highest part of the province and thus flood free.

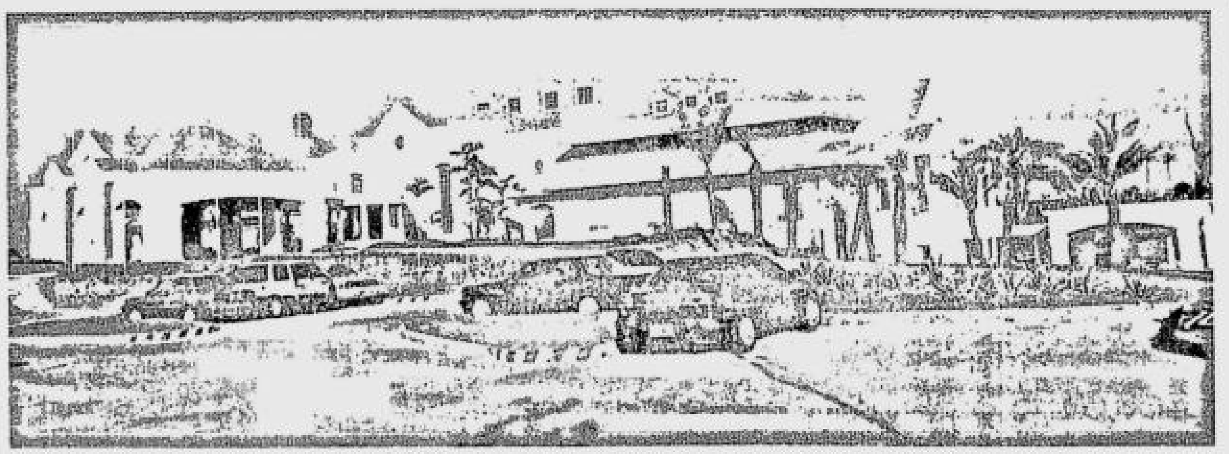
Romantic yet highly functional, La Mirada Royale has been infused by Sta. Lucia with the best features of a residential and commercial complex highlighted by the establishment of the Waltermart Mall. It promises a self-contained neighborhood, complete with its own community structures, commercial center and urban establishments.

The community will be ideal for growing families that seek a more peaceful environment with clean air.

Among La Mirada's features and amenities are a multifunction clubhouse, swimming pool, children's park and playground and an open basketball or volleyball court.

Fil-Estate ends negotiations with farmers

By Jerry Esplanada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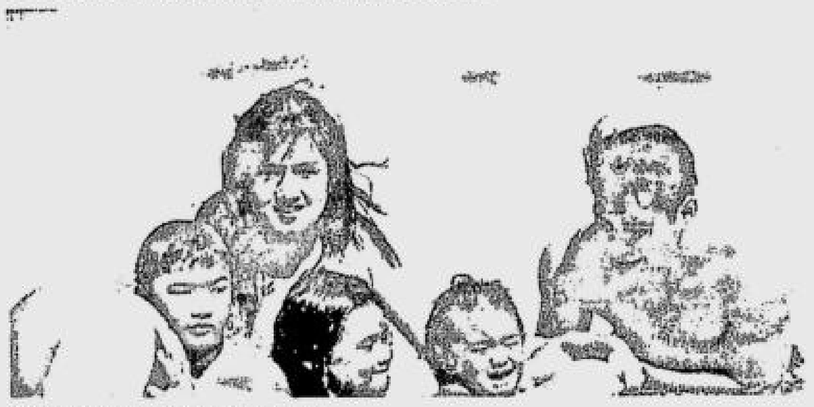
OLYMPIC-TYPE swimming pool

FIL-ESTATE Properties Inc. has had enough. More than six years after launching the blue-chip Mountain Meadows Residential Estates and Golf Course in Cagayan de Oro City, the real estate giant has decided to end all negotiations with a group of settlers occupying 90 hectares of the project's Phase 2.

The firm cited, among others, the allegedly "unreasonable demands" of the 73 settler-families belonging to the Camacawan Farmers and Landowners Association (CFLO) and their lawyers.

"They're asking for more than P400 million from Fil-Estate and the heirs of the late Gen. Nicolas Capistrano, the property owners. We're told that 25 percent of the amount will go to the claimants' lawyers. That's P100 million in attorney's fees," noted lawyer Cerilo Rico Abelardo, Fil-Estate point man in northern Mindanao.

Reconfigured plan

Said Abelardo: "It's extortion. Greed has taken hold of the claimants and their lawyers. We've had enough of harassment, silly antics and dirty tactics employed against us for Fil-Estate to pay up. They can have their land, to think that they are not the landowners. We'll buy lånd somewhere else."

Property appraisers like Asian Appraisal Inc. had declared that the market value of farm houses and land improvements in Phase 2 were worth more or less P3.5 million.

According to Abelardo, "the project developer (Fil-Estate Properties) is preparing a reconfigured plan for Phase 2 which virtually excludes almost all areas held by that group of settlers represented by lawyers Mariano Carasco and wife, Evangeline."

That area occupied by the group is "no longer part of Phase 2. Our decision is final," Abelardo disclosed.

Fil-Estate has advised "all buyers of Phase 2 lots to either transfer to Phase 1 or Phase 2-A, or just wait for the reconfigured plan for Phase 2," which was planned to include an 18-hole and the only Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course in the southern Philippines.

The project's exclusive marketing network is composed of Fil-Estate Realty Corp., Fil-Estate Marketing Associations Inc., Fil-Estate Network Inc. and Fil-Estate Sales Inc.

The group of settlers is formerly called Camacawan Farmers Association which they later changed to CFLO, allegedly upon the instruction of their lawyers.

Unreasonable demands

When interviewed, Abelardo said "there'll be no more negotiations with the Carascos and their clients. We've reached the end of the line, mainly because of their unreasonable demands."

How unreasonable? "Take for example claimant Emilio Tuliao. He's demanding P36.6 million while the appraised value of improvements on the piece of land he supposedly owns is only P159,000. Another claimant, Feliciano de la Cerna wants P31.4 million for his property whose improvements are only worth P538,000. Ricardo Galit demands P26.7 million for land with an appraised value of only P104,000. Anita Maglupay, Roberto Largo and Angeles Somo are asking for P13.9 million, P7.8 million and P4.3 million, respectively for lands with appraised values of P70,000, P38,000 amd P29,000," Abelardo pointed out.

Sometime in 1995, Fil-Estate Properties paid P7 million in "disturbance compensation" to 48 families occupying Phase 1 of Mountain Meadows.

Abelardo recalled that "a week before the signing of the settlement deal, the Carrascos asked for 25 percent of the P7 million. The claimants were appalled at the attorney's fees being demanded by their lawyers, saying it's them who painstakingly crafted the agreement with the landowners. Their lawyers came only at the start of the talks and reappeared when the payoff was near."

Said Abelardo: "To expedite the settlement, Fil-Estate and the Capistranos decided to shoulder the fees and paid the Carrascos P500,000. Apparently not satisfied, the couple demanded an additional P350,000 from their clients who eventually complained to the local media that they were fleeced by their lawyers. Finally, the Carrascos relented on their threat to scuttle the deal after the landowners offered them a 500-square-meter lot in the relocation site in lieu of additional cash payments."

Pedro Sulatan, former president of the Camacawan claimants, had told the Inquirer it was Mariano Carrasco who "came up with the figures and misled us into making false claims. He gave claimants false hopes, saying we would become instant millionaires if we stuck with him. He manipulated us. The hands of many claimants were tied because they owed him money."

Denial

Carrasco denied Sulatan's charges when interviewed in late 1998 by the Inquirer. He later dismissed as "blatantly false" the allegations made against him in a special report (on the settlers and their P400-million demand) which he called "trash."

Sometime last month, the Carrascos, in an open letter to this paper, again condemned this reporter for the 1998 report which he claimed "destroyed or almost destroyed our nerves, lives, honor, social relationships and law practice."

In the same letter, he called Fil-Estate and the Capistranos "giant realty monsters." He also claimed his clients' "ownership of the (Camacawan) lands goes back to the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, and whose tax declarations were much earlier than the tax declaration and title fraudulently obtained by the Capistranos only in 1974."

Fil-Estate Properties has provided Phase 1 claimants new homes, jobs, water and electricity in an adjacent property. It also put up for the relocated families a two-story schoolbuilding, a chapel and recreational facilities.

But Fil-Estate's troubles did not end there. "While Phase 1 claimants were being paid their disturbance compensation, lawyer Mariano Carrasco hinted, tongue-in-cheek, that another group of settlers, this time in Phase 2, needed his services."

Request for noninterference

Abelardo said he requested Carrasco not to interfere as the group, called Camacawan Farmers Association, was set to sign an agreement with the landowners.

"He promised not to meddle but even before Fil-Estate could launch Mountain Meadows, the Carrascos announced they're the lawyers of Phase 2 settlers. It was the beginning of the derailment of a project that could have brought Tiger Woods and other golf superstars to Mindanao," said the Fil-Estate point man.

The group had earlier asked for only P4 million. "But when the Carrascos came to the picture, the demand rose to a whopping P400 million," according to Abelardo.

Capistrano Development Corp., owned by the Capistrano heirs, offered P7 million to the claimants who promptly rejected the offer.

In June 1996, CDC came up with a "final package" of P14 million, or about P500,000 to P900,000 per claimant, plus resettlement, housing and job offers. Again, the claimants rejected the package.

When the economic crisis crippled the real estate industry in 2000, "the Capistranos deemed it wise to withdraw their offer. When Mariano Carrasco sensed that nothing will come out of the negotiations, he blew his top, called me up and threatened to kill me. He said they would never allow Fil-Estate to leave Phase 2 without paying up. It was all for the money. When the claimants realized their tactics were amounting to nothing, they slipped out of their poorly attended rallies at Freedom Park in Cagayan de Oro and holed up in Camacawan planting corn with their lawyer," Abelardo said.

The Capistranos, meanwhile, had told Fil-Estate Properties they were taking the claimants to court.

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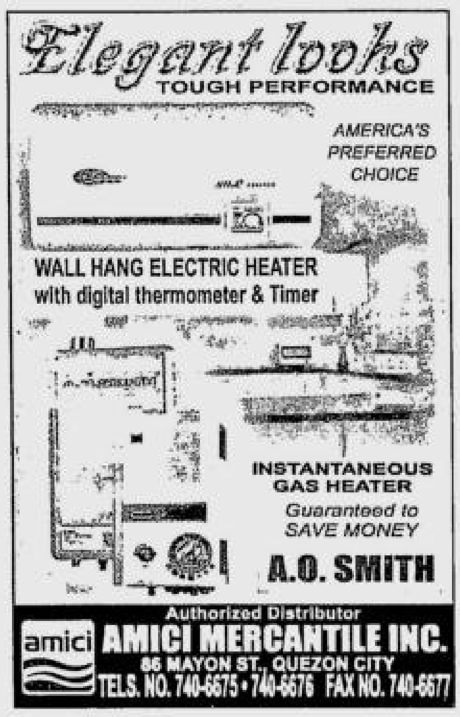
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Getting our act together

By Florentino F. Dulalia Jr.
Contributor

MORE than 4,000 individual and corporate members make up the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations Inc. (Creba). In real sense, they join Creba to make a collective effort to do business with the government and other allied institutions and entities for the advancement of the real estate industry and the national housing program.

Certainly, it is not an easy task.

Trade associations and advocacy or lobby groups like Creba know that doing business with the government is a complicated matter considering the vast bureaucracies and changing rules and regulations. It takes more than lip service to make certain that causes, interests and problems are brought to the attention of the concerned properly and promptly. It takes more than publicity write-ups and position papers to ensure that the voice of the industry is heard. The most important thing for a huge organization like Creba to be able to get things done is to get its act together.

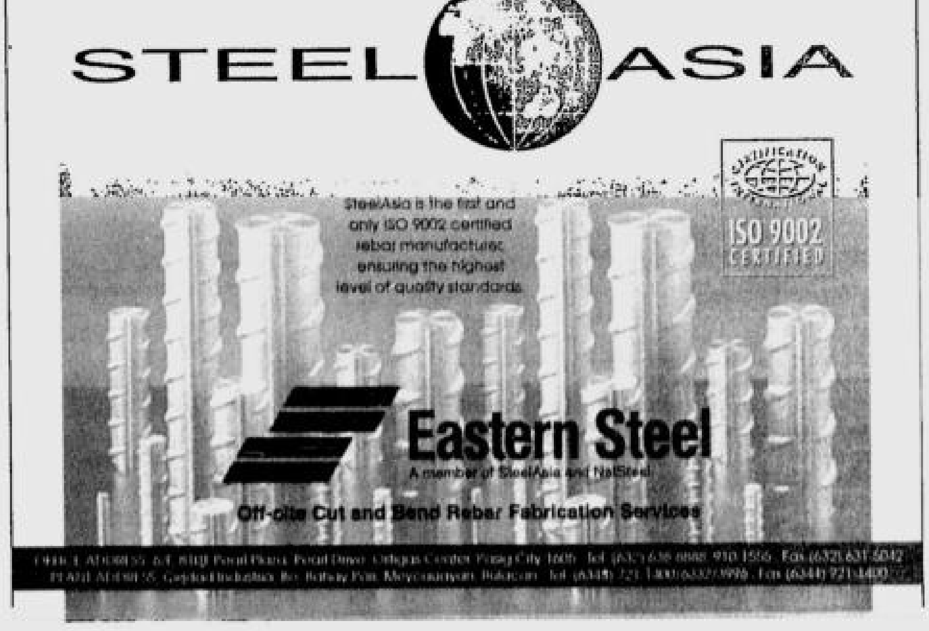
This is why Creba has been relentless in its efforts to attain a culture of cooperation between private business and the government.

One gratifying development along this line is the positive response of Secretary Mike Defensor and the full-time commissioners of the Housing and Land Regulatory Board (HLURB) to Creba's position on the revised implementing rules and regulations (IRRs) on Presidential Decree 957 and Batas Pambansa 220.

Meeting en banc, the commissioners are expected to announce anytime now the results of their deliberation on a draft resolution (90 percent of which are comments and proposals from Creba).

A series of seminar-workshops on critical advocacy areas usher in the forthcoming Creba-HUDCC national convention through the efforts of national convention chair Flor Ofrecio and pre-convention committee chair Sammy Valencia. One topic that drew serious attention was the waste water management. Resource speakers came from the Water Environment Association of the Philippines.

(Dulalia is the national president of Creba.)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I	Work Order No	WSA-01-029
II	Project Title	Two Year Supply of Security Services for Petrochemical Park, Limay / Mariveles, Bataan
III.	Scope of Work	To guard and protect all personnel/employees as well as premises and properties of the company from theft, pilferage, robbery, arson, trespass/informal dwellers, bodily harm and other unlawful acts. To assign and provide PPDC with 40 competent security personnel (36 security guards and 4 officers) for PPDC Mariveles and Limay. To provide various equipment, facilities, trainings and other services necessary and essential in carrying out of the security services. Strictly comply with all rules, regulations, special / general orders and administrative guidelines of PPDC during their tour of duties.
IV.	Project Location	Petrochemical Park in Limay and Mariveles, Bataan
V	Approved Budget	Pesos Eleven Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred (P 11,270,400.00)
VI.	Source of Funding	PNOC - Petrochemical Development Corporation
VII.	Estimated Contract Duration	Two (2) Years
VIII.	Similar Contracts	At least One (1) Year Supply of Security Services for Industrial Parks, Techno Parks, Export Processing Zones
IX	Registration Date of Registration	July 23 to August 06, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	Place of Issuance	PNOC - Petrochemical Development Corporation 11th Floor B.A. Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City c/o BAC Secretariat
	Requirements	Submit certified true copies of the following basic requirements signed by the prospective bidder or its duly authorized representative together with the original copies for validation: • Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) business name registration or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration certificate, whichever may be appropriate under existing laws of the Phils. • Mayor's Permit/ Municipal License • Taxpayer's Identification Number • Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation • BIR VAT Registration • Current PNP License to Operate (for Year 2002) • Current PADPAO Certificate of Membership • DOLE Clearance / Certificate (of no pending cases) • DOLE Certificate of Registration • SSS Clearance • Notarized certification under oath by the prospective bidder or its duly authorized representative that each of the documents submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction or copy of the original
X.	Eligibility Statement Forms and Bid Documents	One (1) set each to be filled up and submitted.
	Non-Refundable Cost of Forms and Bid Documents	Two Hundred Pesos each set (P200.00/set)
	Date of Issuance	August 01 to 13, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	Place of Issuance	PNOC - Petrochemical Development Corporation 11th Floor B.A. Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City c/o BAC Secretariat
XI	Pre-bid Conference Date and Time	August 22, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
	Place	PNOC - Petrochemical Development Corporation Petrochem Park, Batangas Dos, Mariveles, Bataan c/o BAC Secretariat
XII.	Submission of Accomplished Eligibility Forms - Bid Documents Deadline of Submission	September 13, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
	Place of Submission	PNOC - Petrochemical Development Corporation 11th Floor B.A. Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City c/o BAC Secretariat

XIII PUBLIC OPENING OF BIDS SHALL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEADLINE OF THE SUBMISSION OF ACCOMPLISHED ELIGIBILITY FORMS AND BID DOCUMENTS. LATE DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All bids must be valid for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of opening bids.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security valid for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of opening of bids equivalent to the amount and in the form acceptable to PPDC as indicated in Instructions to Bidders.

All particulars relative to registration, eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of Executive Order No. 40 and its Approved Implementing Rules and Regulations.

PPDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or informality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to PPDC. PPDC further assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss they may incur in the preparation of their bid nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) VICTORIO MARIO A. DIMAGIBA
BAC Chairman

(PDI--July 23 & 30, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
MANILA

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

Sealed bids for the supply/provision of one year contract for freight forwarding services for the shipment of supplies and equipment from the Supreme Court to the Halls of Justice and branches of the Lower Courts located in the different parts of the country will be received by the Committee on Bids on **August 23, 2002** at 2:00 p.m., Conference Room, Ground Floor, Centennial Building.

Pre-qualification requirements must be submitted on **August 14, 2002** at 2:00 p.m., Ground Floor, Conference Room Centennial Building. The Pre Bid Conference which will be held on **August 21, 2002** at the same time and place, Only bids of pre-qualified bidders who attended the pre-bid conference will be accepted on the date of the opening of bids.

The terms and conditions and other requirements may be obtained from the Committee on Bids Secretariat, Office of Administrative Services, after payment of a non-refundable fee of P200.00.

The Committee on Bids reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defects or informalities therein, or accept any bid/s or offer/s which it may consider advantageous and beneficial to the government.

July 18, 2002.

(Sgd.) **JOSE P. PEREZ**
Chairman
Committee on Bids

(PDI--July 23, 2002)

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FR. PAUL V. FINSTER, S.J.

was called home to the Lord on Sunday, July 21, 2002.

Wake: Ateneo de Davao University Chapel, Jacinto Campus, Davao City. Mass every evening at 8:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002 in San Pedro Cathedral, Davao City.

Interment: Davao Catholic Cemetery, immediately after the Funeral Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL.

JEANNETTE SANCHEZ - CHRISTY

DIED: July 12, 2002, 4:30 A.M.
Sta. Clara, Stanford CA.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment: July 27, 2002 after the 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Jude Church

Place: Evergreen Memorial Park, C. Raymundo, Pasig City

Daily Mass at 8:00 P.M.

ARTHUR ROMULO RELAMPAGOS MESINA

Peacefully joined his Creator
on the 18th of July 2002 at the age of 52.

His wife **Marilyn "Mari" Calañgi Mesina**; children **Chico & Cara**; grandson **Dex**; parents **Pastor** (†) & **Rosario**; sisters and their families **Eudy & Ely Abellera (Myra & Erik Bakke, Ronnie & Ann), Cleofe "Kay" & Jun Factoran (Mimi & Chuck Estrella, Gigi, Bibit, & Robby), Frances & Ralph Abello (Lilie & Nestor Lumapas, Dondon, Ronnel, Deng & Rissa Taggneg, Erica), Sylvia, (Alex & Helen, Nico & Annette),** brother **Sonny** (†); parents-in-law **Enrico & Fe Calañgi** (†); brothers & sisters-in-law **Zandie, Larry, Grace, Archie** (†), and **Zarah**, and their families; uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives; friends, colleagues, and those whose lives he has touched, request that your prayers commend him to our Lord's restful embrace.

His remains lie in state at Chapel C, La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, the 27th of July 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

"Thank you, Art, for the light you have brought our lives. You will always be in our hearts. God speed!"

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

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INVITATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

The Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) invites eligible Filipino consulting firms duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry or the Securities and Exchange Commission for the purpose of drawing a long list from which a selection shall be made for the provision of consulting services for the *Detailed Engineering Design and Construction Supervision of the Proposed Taxiway "N" (November).*

The selected Consultant who shall be screened and evaluated by the MIAA Prequalification, Evaluation and Award Committee (MIAA-PEAC) in accordance with procedures of the NEDA Guidelines on the Procurement of Consulting Services for Government Projects (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 164), shall be responsible in the preparation of detailed engineering design, preparation of necessary bidding documents, assistance in bidding and construction supervision during construction. It is a must that the Consultant has extensive experience in systematic development of an airport including airfield pavement design, airport operation aspects and infrastructure works, airfield lighting and navigational aspects that can be verified.

Consultants who wish to offer their services are requested to submit an official transmittal letter/statement together with their duly accomplished and notarized prequalification statements, as provided under Appendix A of the NEDA Guidelines, not later than August 5, 2002 at the Pavements and Grounds Division, MIAA Engineering Building, MIA Road, Pasay City during official business hours only. Consultant's Prequalification Forms may also be secured from the Pavements and Grounds Division Office from July 25-31, 2002 upon presentation of this advertisement and official letter of intent. Interested foreign consultants with extensive experience in the type of service and duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission may associate themselves with legitimate Filipino Consultants and must have proper authorization to practice their profession locally with appropriate Philippine professional regulatory agencies.

(Sgd.) ELPIDIO L. MENDOZA
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INVITATION TO BID
SPUG-MMSS-02-0013-A

Interested suppliers are invited to submit sealed bids to be opened publicly at the National Power Corporation, Small Power Utilities Group, 2nd Flr. Training Center Bldg., BIR Road cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

INQUIRY NO.	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE	TIME
PB011126-PDVB0827	SUPPLY OF 2X500KW GENSET	PREBID: AUG. 1, 02 BID OPEN ENV. 1 AUG. 8, 2002	02:00 PM 10:00 AM

Only Manufacturers/Suppliers/Distributors who are 100% local or at most 40% foreign owned may participate and secure bidding documents.

Bidding documents will be available to qualified interested parties starting **July 23, 2002** upon payment of P2,000.00 which is non-refundable and upon presentation of company I.D., and company authorization. Issuance and receipts of documents are done every morning between 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. only at the above address.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
PSD-SPUG

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INQUIRY NO.	DESCRIPTION	OPENING DATE	TIME
PB020805-PDAM1182	CRANKSHAFT FOR MAN B&W	AUG. 05, 2002	10:00 AM
PB020805-PDVB1183	CRANKSHAFT FOR WHITE SUP.	AUG. 05, 2002	02:00 PM
PB020807-PDAC1184	PARTS FOR ALFA LAVAL	PREBID: AUG. 1, 02 OPEN: AUG. 7, 02	02:00 PM 10:00 AM
PB011015-PDVB0770 (PB2)	SEALING RING FOR CYL. LINER	AUG. 07, 2002	02:00 PM

Bidding documents will be available to qualified interested parties starting **July 22, 2002** upon payment of P100.00 per schedule, which is non-refundable and upon presentation of company I.D., and company authorization. Issuance and receipts of documents are done every morning between 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. only at the above address.

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People, Events & Products
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Philam launches first accident insurance for elders

FOR THE FIRST time in the country, Filipinos 50 to 75 years old can now be automatically accepted and covered by personal accident insurance. A personal cash assurance and recovery plan for elders in the event of an accident or injury is now available for Filipino elders. The plan does not require applicants to undergo medical examinations.

Philam Insurance has launched C.A.R.E. or Cash Assurance and Recovery for Elders. It allows people 50 to 75 years old to enroll and renew their plans up to age 85. C.A.R.E. offers policyholders and their beneficiaries up to P4 million in cash that they can spend any way they wish.

Older people could spend an average of from P50,000 to P100,000 a week for surgery, hospitalization and medicines when they suffer accidents. A common occurrence among elders is hip or knee fractures caused by accidents such as slipping in the bathroom or falling down the stairs.

Joost Vink, president and CEO of Philam Insurance, lauds the introduction of C.A.R.E. especially in the Philippines where there is a high incidence of accidents among older people.

"Many of the Philippines' aging population suffer bone injury accidents leading to hospitalization," says Vink. "A lot of them have no insurance coverage which could alleviate them from unexpected expenses."

Any 50 to 75-year-old Filipino is guaranteed acceptance. No medical exams, no questions asked. A hotline is provided for interested policyholders to call and directly apply without having to go through an agent. They do not need to fill up lengthy forms or submit any document. A simple application form is all that is needed prior to processing. Should the applicant have additional questions about the product, highly trained and friendly customer service representatives will readily assist them through the toll free number Philam Direct's hotline 1-800-1000-50-20-75 or (02)421-4150.

C.A.R.E. makes sure peace of mind comes easy. For as low as P399 a month – less than P15 a day. C.A.R.E. policyholders can receive up to P4 million in cash. The plan provides coverage for a range of accidental injuries common to 50 to 75 year olds. A policyholder can receive up to P250,000 in cash if an accident causes broken bones, burns and internal injuries. In case of hospitalization as a result of an accident, the policyholder will receive P25,000 for each week he or she spends in the hospital. This is equivalent to more than P3,000 a day, or P1.3 million a year. C.A.R.E. will provide the policyholder this financial assistance no matter where he or she is hospitalized – here or overseas.

C.A.R.E. also has a special offer for applicants who apply with their spouses. The spouse will enjoy a 20-percent discount.

C.A.R.E. coverage is up to age 85. The premium will not increase as the policyholder gets older no matter how many claims he or she makes. Benefits, however, are reduced by 50 percent from the age of 81.

C.A.R.E. also has a 30-day money back guarantee. Should there be a change of mind within 30 days from which Philam Direct receives the application form, the policyholder can get his money back by simply writing C.A.R.E. at Philam Building, 100 C. Palanca Jr. corner De la Rosa Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati. The money will immediately be returned in full.

PANA INVITATIONAL GOLF CHAMP

The Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) conducted its 8th Invitational Golf Classics at Punta Baluarte Resort Club recently. Overall net champion was August Cruz of Ricoh Philippines. Shown at the awarding ceremony, from left, are Pana director Cergen Go of Swedish Match Inc., Pana PRO Jones Campos of Globe Telecom, Pana board secretary Susie Achacoso-Cruz of Godiva Inc., Cruz, Pana president Gigi Rodriguez of Citibank NA, Pana treasurer Raul S. Alvarez of PLDT and Pana sports director Atoy Babasa of The Andresons Group.

PANA EXEC SPEAKS

Dr. Nonie S. Azarcon, dba, executive director of the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) was one of the guest speakers of the recently concluded Arts and Culture Conference organized by the National Commission for the Arts and Culture held at the Pearl Manila Hotel. Azarcon gave an update of the Philippine media and value formation. This is a part of Pana's project on education.

Nestlé promo extended

NESTLE Philippines announces the extension of its Mag-Nestlé Almusal...Sticker Panalo! promo until July 31. The promo is in support of the Mag-Nestlé Almusal campaign, an initiative aimed at reminding consumers about the value and benefits of having breakfast every day.

The extension of the Mag-Nestlé Almusal...Sticker Panalo! promo will give more opportunities for vehicle drivers and owners to win cash prizes up to P100,000.

On July 19, a Mag-Nestle Almusal Roving Team went to Metro Manila, Cavite, Rizal and Balagtas, Bulacan and spotted 10 vehicles bearing the Mag-Nestlé Almusal sticker. Each lucky winner took home P20,000.

On July 31, the Roving Team will give away P100,000 each to three vehicles displaying the Mag-Nestlé Almusal sticker.

To date, Mag-Nestlé Almusal has given away P500,000 in cash to lucky vehicle drivers in the promo areas.

The promo is open to all vehicle drivers and owners willing to display the Mag-Nestle Almusal sticker on visible parts of their vehicles. For further details, visit the Mag-Nestlé Almusal website at www.nestle.com.ph/almusal.

EASY MONEY

30 vehicle owners and drivers recently became P10,000 richer when their vehicles, carrying the Mag-Nestlé Almusal sticker, were spotted by the Mag-Nestlé Almusal Roving Team.

Smart zed launches Textpressions

SMART zed introduces a new way to text: Smart zed Textpressions. Smart zed offers you the chance to express emotions and feelings in a more visual and clearer manner than ever before. If in the past your texts could be misinterpreted or misunderstood simply because of the words used, you can now change that with clear icons to match your words. Let the picture messages of Smart zed Textpressions convey your true emotions whatever they may be.

Every text can be more expressive with a matching icon. Simply type in TE <space> followed by your text message, then send to 288. Your message will be sent back with the nearest graphical picture message match. For example, if you want to congratulate a friend for graduating from high school type in TE Happy Graduation! and send to 288. A graphic with a diploma or mortar board will appear with your text at the bottom. You can then forward this picture message to your friend.

It's a personal and emotional touch that was previously used mainly for birthday greetings. With Textpressions, a full range of emotions can be manifested through corresponding icons. From anniversary, anger/hate, anxiety/worry, birthday, celebration/party, childbirth, courtship/proposal, love, etc., Smart zed Textpressions can manifest your feelings for you.

What's more, you can even send Tagalog or Tag-lish greetings and the picture message that best matches your message will be sent to you. Smart zed has designed the system to specifically suit the Filipino text-crazy market so each message, whether in English, Tagalog or Tag-lish can be made more expressive.

It is said that a picture paints a thousand words. With Smart zed Textpressions, a few words is all you need. Let the matching icons express your true feelings for you.

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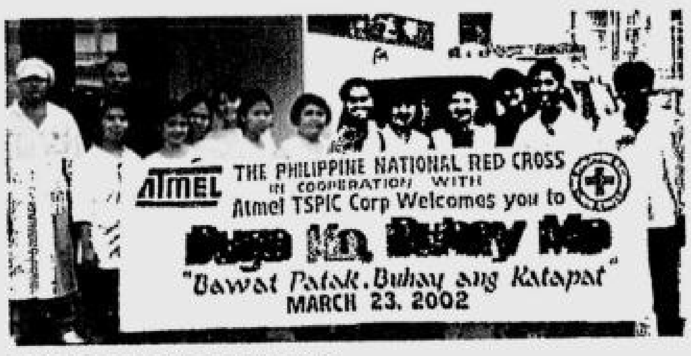
MENTOS' COOL MILLION

Rene Strauss Arias of Cubao, Quezon City is the winner of P1 million, tax free, from the Mentos PBA Trivia Contest. The grand draw hosted by sportscaster/analyst TJ Manotoc was attended by representatives of Perfetti Van Melle (makers of Mentos), Carat Philippines (media agency of Perfetti Van Melle) and the Bureau of Food and Drugs. Other winners are Liwayway Guieb (P300,000) and Loida Retardo (P100,000). Shown is Arias (left) and Perfetti Van Melle brand manager Fritzie Salem.

BITS & Clips

Development Center for Finance at 10

THE DEVELOPMENT Center for Finance celebrates its 10th year during the Seventh Monthly Membership Meeting of the Financial Executives Institute on July 24, 12 noon at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Intercontinental Manila. To be featured is a musical tribute to National Artist Levi Celerio. Guest artists include soprano Alegria Ferrer to be accompanied at the piano by UP College of Music dead Mauricia Borromeo, Juan Albert Gaerlan (tenor), Ramon Molina (flute), and Edna Culig (banduria). Finex members and their guests are enjoined to register early at the Finex secretariat at 811-4184 to 88, fax 811-4185, or e-mail cgtrinidad@finex.org.ph.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TSPIC, an Atmel company, recently conducted a 'Dugo Ko Buhay Mo' bloodletting activity in coordination with the Philippine National Red Cross. Shown are the organizers from the Elo1 team (from left) Cely Quiambao, Lynee Melendres, Anjea Dumaran, Abe Redada and Joel Villanueva.

ADMASTERS GOLF AGREEMENT

The Advertising Foundation of the Philippines recently signed the agreement with Philippine Tourism Authority and its Club Intramuros on the latter's sponsorship of the 1st AdMasters Golf Championship to be held at the Club Intramuros on July 26. Signing the agreement are (from left) Jimmy Alanis of GMA Network, golf-ways and means committee chair, Mel Barbon, Club Intramuros general manager, Ed Sunico of Unilever Philippines, golf tournament director, Irene Dumaob, Philippine Tourism Authority officer for operations. Witnessing the signing are (standing) Linda C. Gamboa Ad Foundation assistant board secretary and executive director, and Serafin Bautista of GMA Network as assistant tournament director. The tourney invites golfers in the marketing communications and advertising industry. Its proceeds shall benefit Ad Foundation's values education endeavors as well as the family of the late Manuel Corbito, driver of slain publicist Bubby Dacer.

CKC, SLC grand reunion

THE CHRIST the King College and Saint Louis College Class 1969 and 1970, together with the CKC Elementary Class 1965 and 1966 will jointly hold a grand reunion on July 26, 27 and 28 in San Fernando City, La Union. With the theme "Once Upon a Time," the affair will comprise of an informal gathering at the Navy Yard, a dinner-dance at the Puerto de San Juan, and an all-day picnic at the Shipside Sea Park. All alumni can check out www.geocities.com/alumni2000ph. For more details, call Myrna A. del Rosario at (072)242-1530 or 0918-9101882, Minda Funesto Abalos at (072)888-4217 or 0919-3030373, Carlos Rimando at (072)2425504, or Jim Cuesta at (072)888-8181.

ROMANCING DLSU-D

Noted pianists professor Reynaldo Reyes and Ingrid Sala-Santamaria (right) pose with DLSU-D EVP Dr. Herminia D. Torres during a break in a romantic piano concerto at De La Salle University-Dasmarinas.

NOKIA NETWORKS MEDIA LAUNCH

Members of the media pose with Paul Henri Ferrand, vice president and general manager of Nokia Networks Asia Pacific (left) during a break from a recently held media forum that showcased the latest innovations and technologies from Nokia Networks. The forum included a demonstration of the Nokia 7650, an MMS (multimedia messaging service) enabled phone with an integrated digital camera. MMS enables users to combine images, video, text, graphics and voice into a single rich message that offers a greatly enhanced user experience. Also shown are Inquirer InfoTech editor Leo Magno (third from left), Tapani Sairanen (second from right), and Arjun Trivedi from Nokia Networks (right).

Scholarships from Superkalan Gaz

TOTALFINAELF Philippines, exclusive distributor of Superkalan Gaz, gives every child the opportunity to reach their dreams in its newest promo titled "Super Scholar ng Superkalan." More than P1 million worth of educational plans are up for grabs to loyal Superkalan Gaz patrons. Simply purchase a Superkalan 2.7kg refill to qualify for a raffle-envelope of the promo. Enclose the filled-up envelope with one genuine Superkalan seal and drop in drop boxes in dealer showrooms and authorized retail outlets nationwide. For the first draw, the winner receives P100,000 in scholarship fund. For the second draw, P200,000 worth of scholarship will be given away. For the final draw, a P300,000 scholarship will be awarded. 103 customers will also be given P2,500 worth of scholarships as consolation prizes. July 24 is the deadline for the submission of entries.

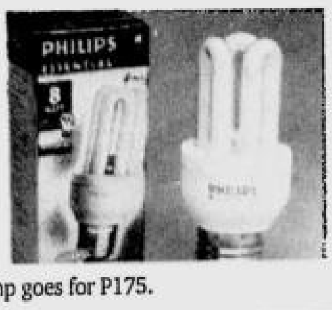
Product FILES

The new Philips Genie Lamp

PHILIPS Lighting Philippines introduces the newest compact fluorescent lamp (FCL), the new Philips Genie—the lamp ideal to replace incandescents such as lampshades, chandeliers and desk lamps.

Philips Genie satisfies consumers who seek lamps which can fit existing home incandescent fixtures without compromising the aesthetic beauty of their homes.

Philips Genie provides 80 percent energy savings compared to incandescents, and can last up to three years. The new Genie is available in 5W, 8W and 11W equivalent to the 25W, 40W and 60W of ordinary light bulbs.



With the joint efforts of Philips Lighting Philippines sales and marketing team, Philips Genie was successfully launched in 16 key areas nationwide. The Philips Genie Lamp goes for P175.

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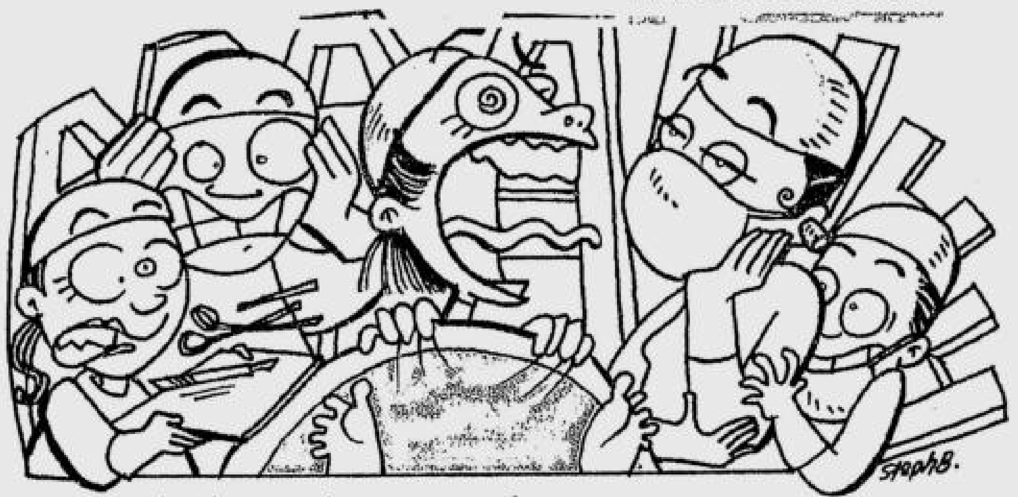

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Through proper breathing and relaxation, painful sensations can be greatly diminished

Mind-body techniques to control pain

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan

I AM sitting here writing this column with a swollen right eye because I just had two bouts of minor eyelid surgery in a span of three days, which removed two stubborn sties. The reason I am telling you about my eye problem is because I want to share with you how breathing, relaxation and concentration techniques can help in controlling pain.

I am prone to getting sties in my eyelids. I get them when I am tired, when I lack sleep, when I am stressed and when I improperly use eye makeup (like using other people's makeup and brushes). They are my body's way of telling me to slow down. They are not fun to have especially since removing them sometimes means surgery.

As you can well imagine, eyelids are a delicate part of the body that do not respond well to being clamped, pricked and sliced open. My eyelids are especially not good candidates because I have such small, deep-set eyes. In fact, when I had a laser vision correcting surgery a few years ago, they had to cut the corners of my eyelids just to make the instrument fit.

The last time I needed to have a sty surgically removed was 10 years ago. It is not an experience I remember with fondness. Apparently, neither did my eye doctor and former UP premed "classmate," Christine Solon Perfecto. With good reason, she called me the worst patient she ever had.

In some things, I have a high threshold of pain. For others, I am a total coward. That was definitely a spineless moment with a lot of crying, shouting, thrashing about and other generally shameful behavior.

So when Christine told me last week that there was no choice but to remove the sties, I don't know who was more apprehensive, she or I. We both vividly remembered that infamous incident 10 years ago. Just thinking about what was to come made me tense, but I told myself that I would have to "bite the bullet" and just do it.

Relaxing one's body

It was as painful as I remembered it to be though I did not behave as badly as before mainly because I was embarrassed to make a spectacle of myself again. However, Christine wasn't able to remove as much as she would have liked to because she could see I was already hyperventilating and in so much pain. She kept telling me to take deep breaths while she was cutting away at my eyelid but I guess I just wasn't hearing her.

After the operation, we talked about how

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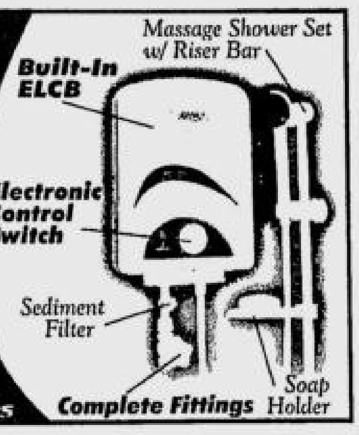

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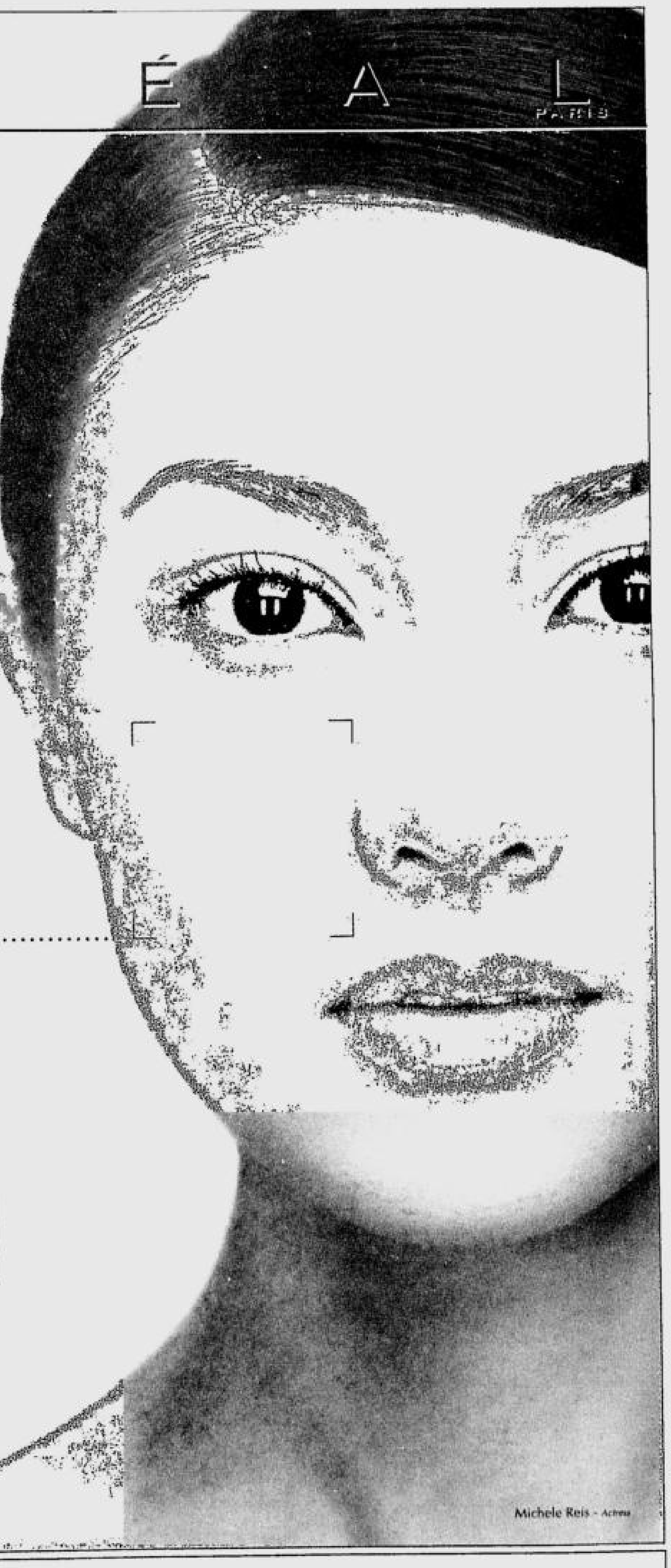

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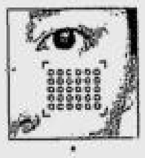

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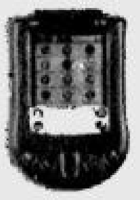

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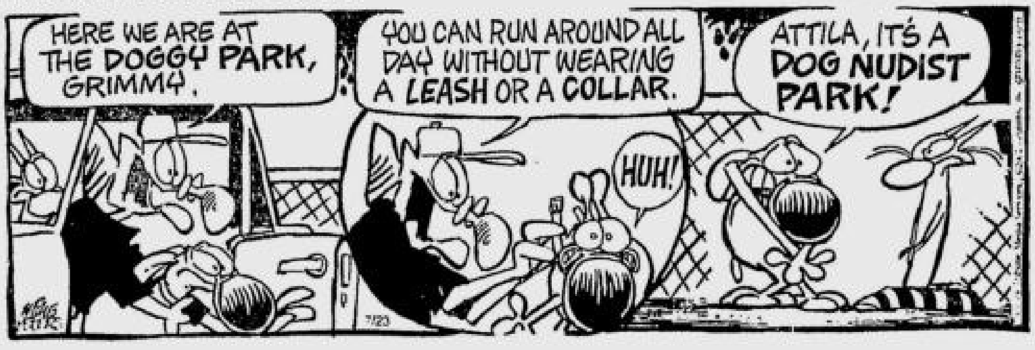
HERE WE ARE AT THE DOGGY PARK, GRIMMY.
YOU CAN RUN AROUND ALL DAY WITHOUT WEARING A LEASH OR A COLLAR.
HUH!
ATTILA, IT'S A DOG NUDIST PARK!
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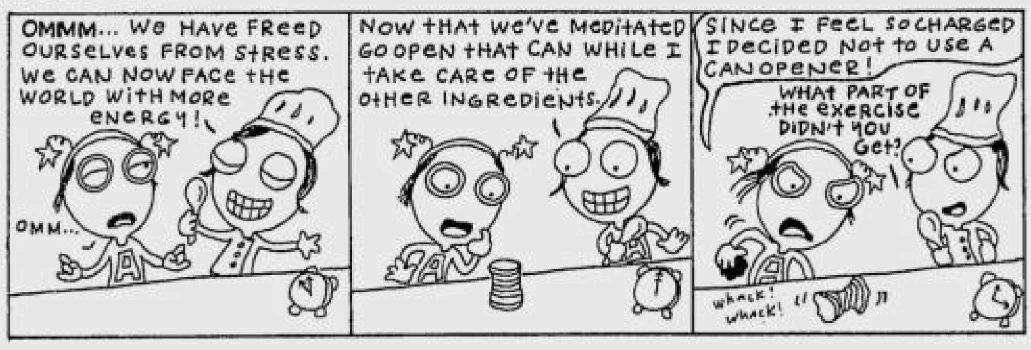
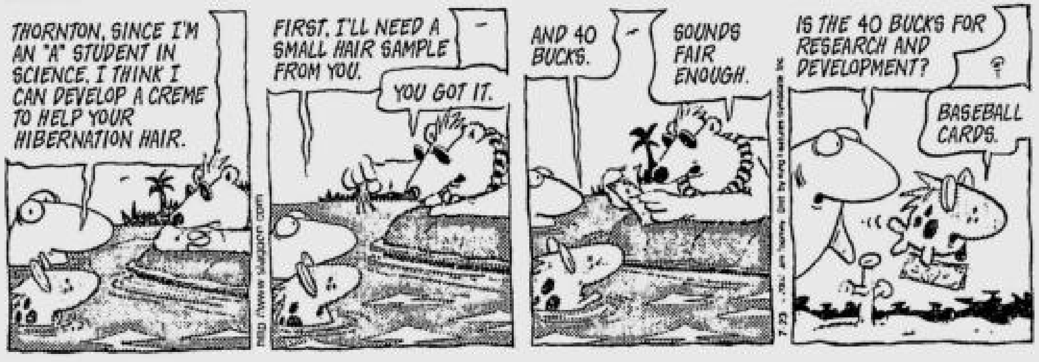
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


OMMM... We Have Freed Ourselves From Stress. We CAN Now Face the World with More energy!
OMM...
Now that we've Meditated Go open that CAN while I take care of the other ingredients.
Since I Feel so charged I decided Not to use A can opener!
What part of the exercise didn't you get?
whack! whack!

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


THORNTON, SINCE I'M AN "A" STUDENT IN SCIENCE, I THINK I CAN DEVELOP A CREME TO HELP YOUR HIBERNATION HAIR.
FIRST, I'LL NEED A SMALL HAIR SAMPLE FROM YOU.
YOU GOT IT.
AND 40 BUCKS.
SOUNDS FAIR ENOUGH.
IS THE 40 BUCKS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT?
BASEBALL CARDS.
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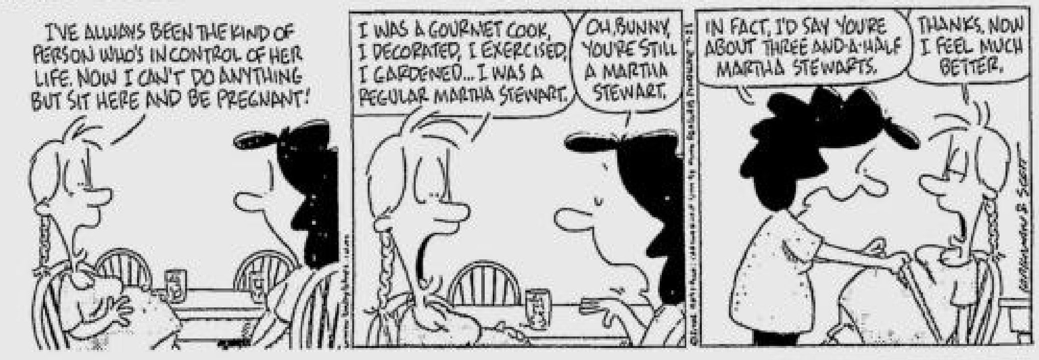
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'S IN CONTROL OF HER LIFE. NOW I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT SIT HERE AND BE PREGNANT!
I WAS A GOURMET COOK, I DECORATED, I EXERCISED, I GARDENED... I WAS A REGULAR MARTHA STEWART.
OH, BUNNY, YOU'RE STILL A MARTHA STEWART.
IN FACT, I'D SAY YOU'RE ABOUT THREE-AND-A-HALF MARTHA STEWARTS.
THANKS. NOW I FEEL MUCH BETTER.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Woody Harrelson, Stephanie Seymour, Raymond Chandler, Arata Isozaki

Happy Birthday: You will have plenty of ideas; if you take the time to develop them properly, you'll see profits or rewards. Expect to experience sudden changes in your life this year. You will be a powerhouse when it comes to getting things done. Your numbers are 13, 21, 26, 32, 34, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It is likely that someone is using charm to find out information.Don't mix business with pleasure and don't fall for someone just because they are attentive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in an organization that responds to a cause you believe in. Your desire for leadership will put you in the limelight. You are hard working; everyone will recognize this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are likely to get involved in unwise joint financial ventures today. Legal problems will not turn in your favor. Losses and theft are also evident.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll help those you care about, regardless of the time it takes. Your kindness will be reciprocated by most, but not by everyone. Don't let this disappoint you; use it as a lesson.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be inspired to make money through unusual and intriguing means. You will have a unique connection to one of your peers and you will learn a great deal if you observe his actions today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and do more with friends today. Worthwhile groups will be glad to have your dedicated support. You will develop a friendship with an older, established person who can teach you the ropes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your imagination in order to make some extra cash today. A home-based business will probably do better than you anticipate. Invest in yourself and your own interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your standards will be high today, especially when it comes to your relationships. You will attract someone who will overreact to situations. Don't try to make decisions for other people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should try your hand at a variety of ways to earn a living. You'll get along well with your colleagues and you may be able to interest one of them to go into business with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be aggressive in your pursuits today and your emotions will be close to the surface. Your determined approach will bring results,but don't promise too much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Delays in communication and educational pursuits will hold you back today. You may experience confusion that is likely to result in making a poor decision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to feel that you are contributing to something worthwhile. Let some of the people you meet lend you a helping hand. It's the favors you so graciously accept that will help change the course of your life.

Birthday Baby: You will be entertaining, yet studious and practical at the same time. You will always want to see what makes things work, and will be eager to take apart everything

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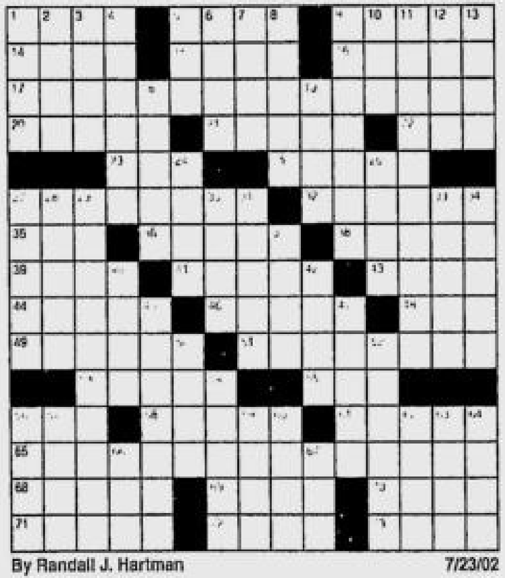

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ACROSS
1 Grin and __ it
5 Linkletter and Garfunkel
9 On the wagon
14 Seagirt land
15 Suitor
16 Anorak
17 "Rebecca" author
20 1957 hit, "Wake Up Little __"
21 Whitewater investigator Kenneth
22 JFK predecessor
23 Uncooked
25 A la __
27 Baseball's Charlie Hustle
32 Pauper
35 Cheer for Manolete
36 Evade by circumlocution
38 Funeral piece
39 "__ and Circumstance"
41 Gymnast Kerri
43 Equine junior
44 Top berth
46 Serengeti equine
48 Single unit
49 Removed skin from
51 Li'l Abner's girl
53 Knot again
55 Boxing letters
56 Bikini part
58 Dramatic parts
61 Mystery award
65 "Bang the Drum Slowly" co-star
68 Russian villa
69 Gawk at
70 Young men
71 Winter hazard
72 Kremlin refusal
73 Exchange

DOWN
1 Auction actions
2 Isaac's eldest
3 Swiss peaks
4 Second-time employee
5 Pres. Lincoln
6 Cincinnati nine
7 Tight
8 Poison plant
9 Goaded
10 Thole insert
11 Wedding VIP
12 Barely managed
13 Hard to find
18 Approaches
19 Bahrain resident
24 Moo goo gai pan pans
26 The work week is over!
27 Infield fly
28 Skip the ceremony
29 Carry Nation's cause
30 __ bath (chair-shaped tub)
31 Slipped up
33 Guam port, once
34 U.S. Grant's foe
37 Band member
40 Soccer great
42 "True __"
45 Sanctuary
47 Questioned
50 Leader of the Belmonts
52 Alpine songs
54 Rocker John
58 TM underwear
[illegible]
59 Like custard
60 Vendor's goal
62 Chew on
63 Radames' sweetheart
64 Coarse file
66 Revolutionary Guevara
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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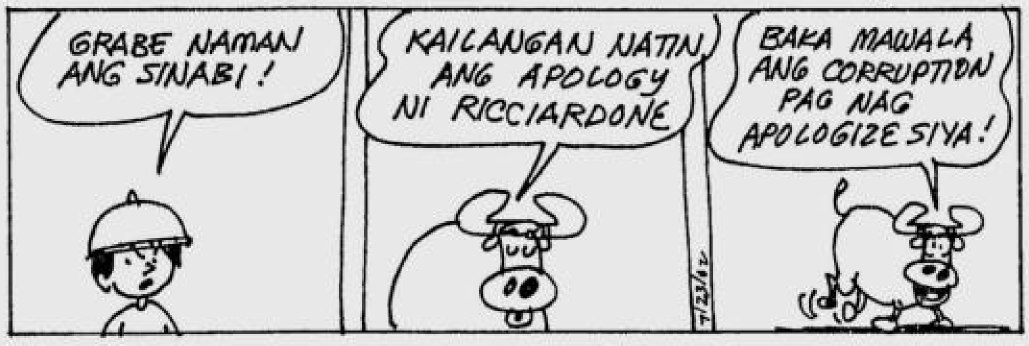
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KAILANGAN NATIN ANG APOLOGY NI RICCIARDONE
BAKA MAWALA ANG CORRUPTION PAG NAG APOLOGIZE SIYA!
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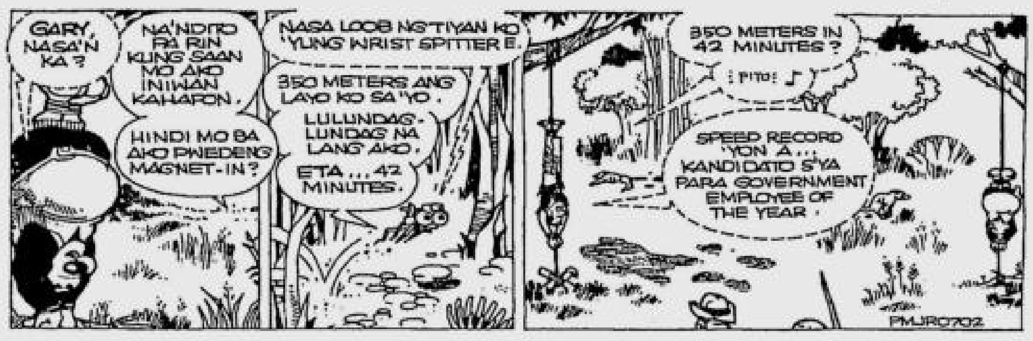
GARY, NASA'N KA?
NA'NDITO PA RIN KUNG SAAN MO AKO INIWAN KAHAPON.
HINDI MO BA AKO PWEDENG MAGNET-IN?
NASA LOOB NG TIYAN KO 'YUNG WRIST SPITTER E.
350 METERS ANG LAYO KO SA 'YO.
LULUNDAG-LUNDAG NA LANG AKO.
ETA... 42 MINUTES.
350 METERS IN 42 MINUTES?
PITO!
SPEED RECORD 'YON A... KANDIDATO S'YA PARA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.
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SIMO

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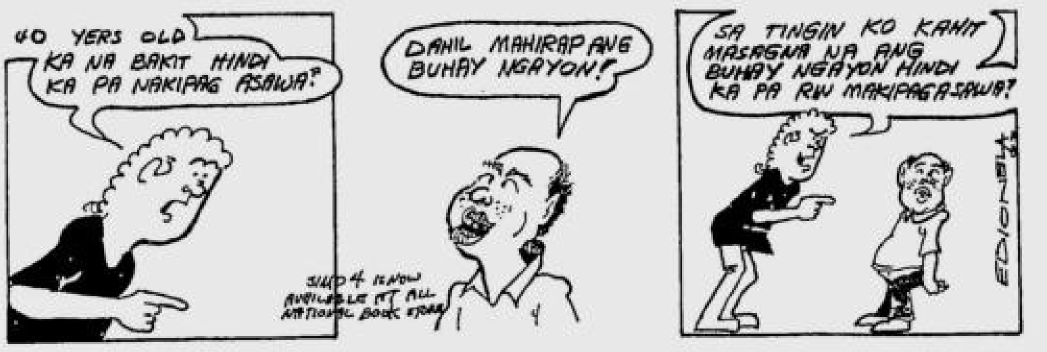
40 YERS OLD KA NA BAKIT HINDI KA PA NAKIPAG ASAWA?
DAHIL MAHIRAP ANG BUHAY NGAYON!
SIMO 4 IS NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL NATIONAL BOOK STORE
SA TINGIN KO KAHIT MASAGANA NA ANG BUHAY NGAYON HINDI KA PA RIN MAKIPAGASAWA?
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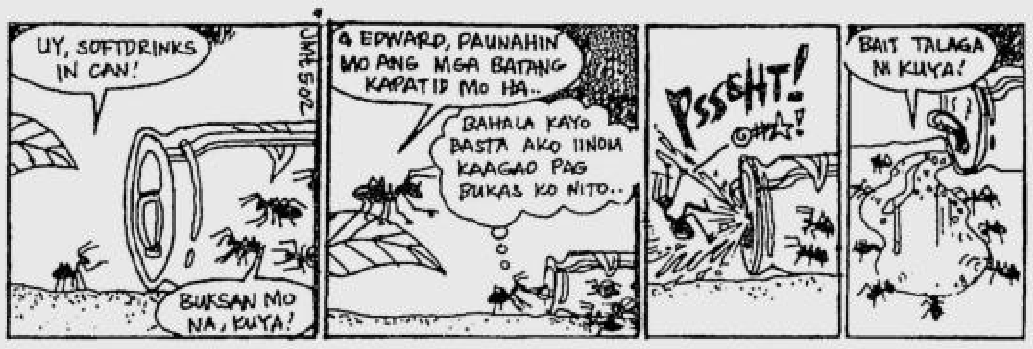
UY, SOFTDRINKS IN CAN!
BUKSAN MO NA, KUYA!
JMT 502
@ EDWARD, PAUNAHIN MO ANG MGA BATANG KAPATID MO HA...
BAHALA KAYO BASTA AKO IINOM KAAGAD PAG BUKAS KO NITO...
PSSSHT!
@#☆!
BAIT TALAGA NI KUYA!

BEN

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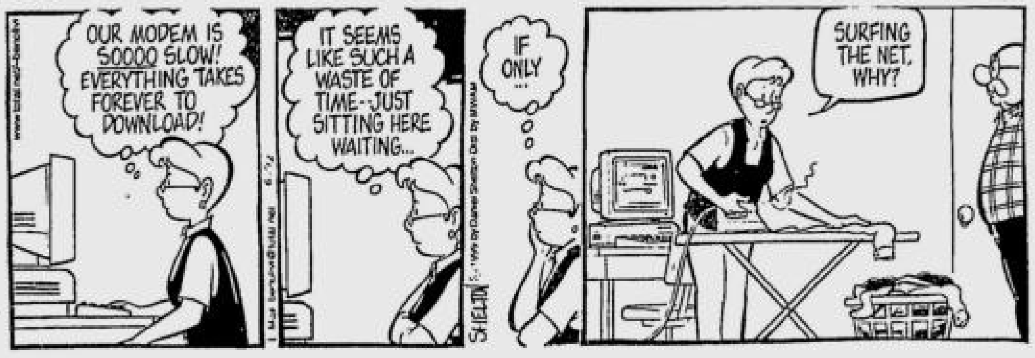
OUR MODEM IS SOOOO SLOW! EVERYTHING TAKES FOREVER TO DOWNLOAD!
IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A WASTE OF TIME - JUST SITTING HERE WAITING...
IF ONLY ...
SURFING THE NET, WHY?
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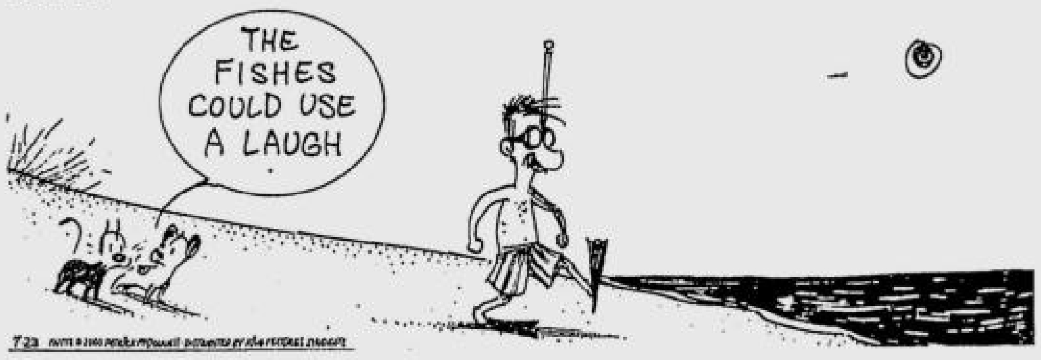
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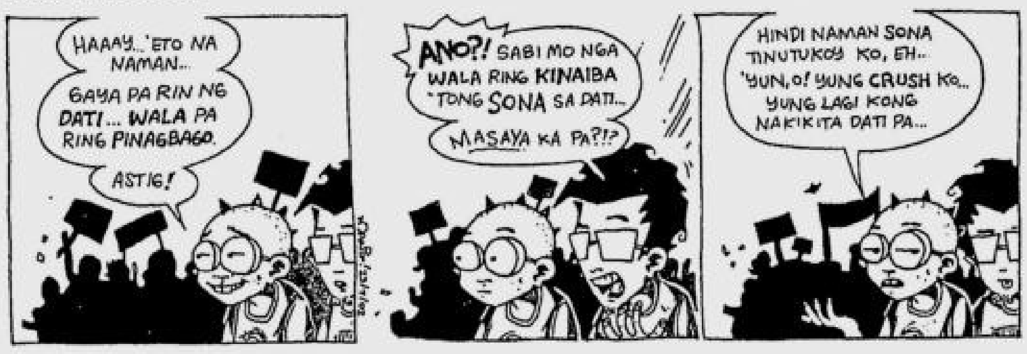
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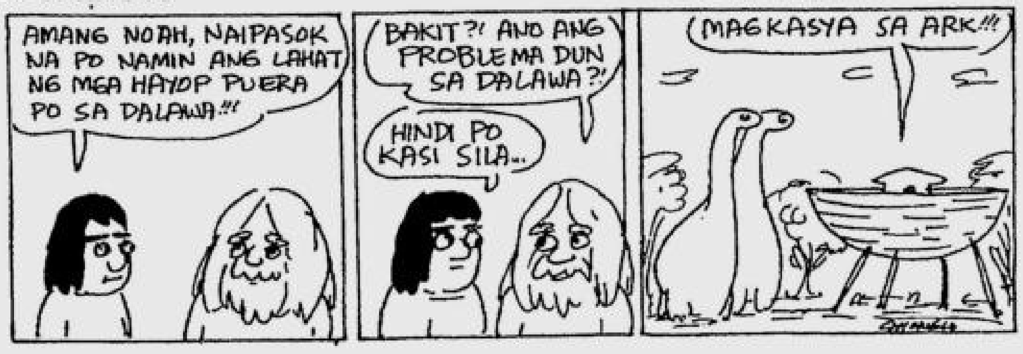
GAYA PA RIN NG DATI... WALA PA RING PINAGBAGO.
ASTIG!
ANO?! SABI MO NGA WALA RING KINAIBA 'TONG SONA SA DATI...
MASAYA KA PA?!?
HINDI NAMAN SONA TINUTUKOY KO, EH.. 'YUN, O! YUNG CRUSH KO... YUNG LAGI KONG NAKIKITA DATI PA...

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO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BAKIT?! ANO ANG PROBLEMA DUN SA DALAWA?!
HINDI PO KASI SILA...
(MAGKASYA SA ARK!!!

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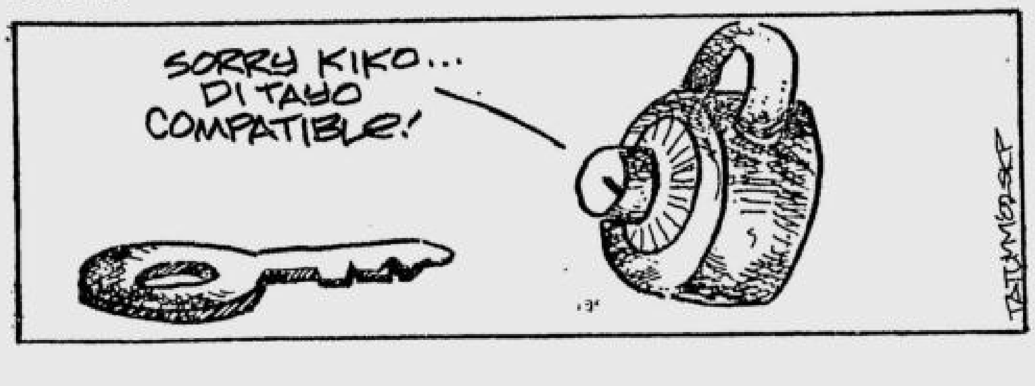
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING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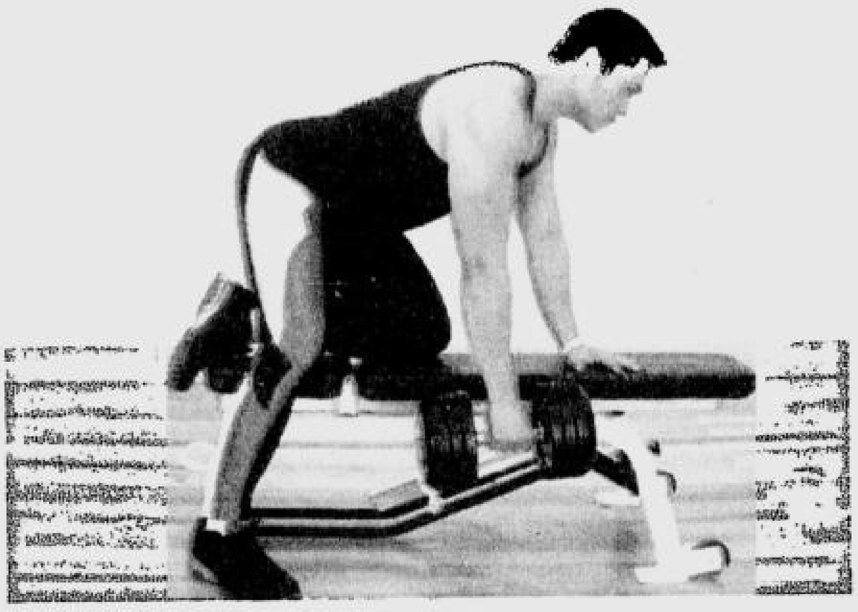
EXERCISE OF THE WEEK



One arm row

THIS exercise is very helpful in making the waist look smaller by giving shape to sides of the back. It also strengthens the muscles in the middle of the back and the back of the shoulders.

Equipment:
Dumbbells and a gym bench

Exercise:
Hold a dumbbell with your right hand. Rest your left knee, foot and hand on a flat bench. Your palm should be facing forward. Keep torso almost parallel to the floor throughout the exercise.

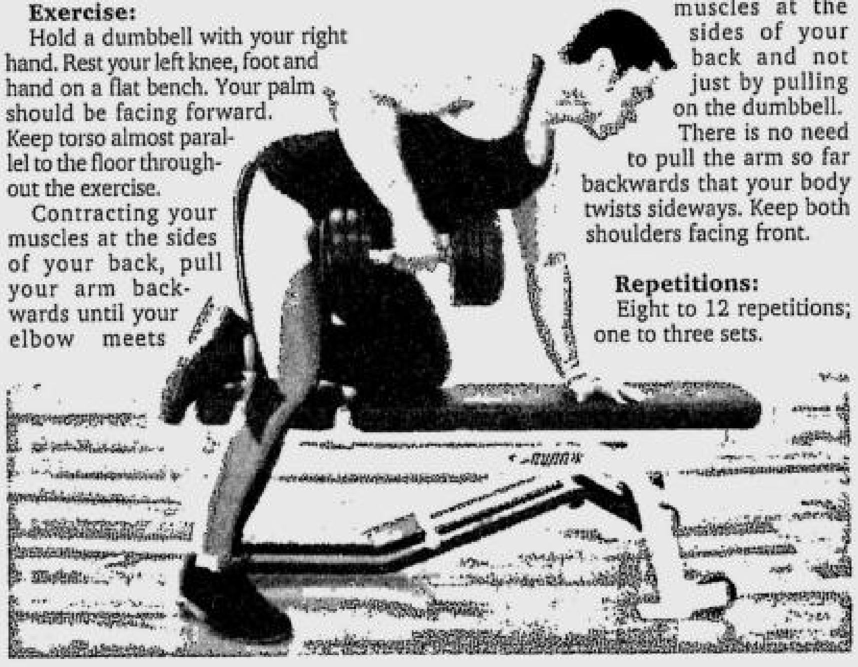
Contracting your muscles at the sides of your back, pull your arm backwards until your elbow meets your waist or just a little past. Slowly lower your arm.

Perform the required number of repetitions. Do the other side.

Performance tips:
Keep your head in alignment with your spine. Avoid hanging the head down.

Start the movement by contracting the muscles at the sides of your back and not just by pulling on the dumbbell. There is no need to pull the arm so far backwards that your body twists sideways. Keep both shoulders facing front.

Repetitions:
Eight to 12 repetitions; one to three sets.



Mind-body techniques . . .

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breathing can control pain, how shallow breathing makes one even more tense, how in advanced cases people can lie on a bed of nails because they have learned to control the pain response, etc. It's not that I don't know these things. I practice breathing and relaxation techniques to go to sleep and also to control anxiety attacks. But in this case, I let my dread and panic get the better of me.

Three days later, my worst fear came true. There was stuff left inside that would have to be removed. This time, I told Christine, I would really focus on my breathing and keep my body relaxed. She advised me to psyche myself so since the operation was scheduled at 5 o'clock, I spent most of the afternoon visualizing myself as being calm and relaxed during the procedure. And, of course, I prayed to God for strength.

Ironically, I had just taught a yoga class that morning and as always, I had told my students to concentrate on their breathing while holding a pose so they won't focus on the exertion felt by their muscles. So I argued with myself, what's the difference between pain and muscular exertion? Pain is just a much more intense sensation.

As soon as I lay down in Christine's clinic and while she was preparing the instruments, I began to concentrate on my breathing and keep my body relaxed. I kept my arms beside me with my palms facing up just like in the *shavasana* or corpse pose in yoga. I had my knees bent instead of straight because it was more comfortable for my lower back. It's difficult to be relaxed if your lower back is feeling discomfort and your fists are clenched.

I used *ujjayi* (pronounced ooh-jah-yee) breathing to concentrate on the sound in my throat while exhaling so I would have something concrete to focus on. I also focused on my lungs and abdomen expanding and contracting as I was breathing. I told myself that every time the pain would distract me, I would visualize myself flying away from it on the "wings" of my breath.

Amazing result

It's amazing the difference these techniques made in the amount of pain I felt and how relaxed I was. Christine was able to aggressively remove what needed to be taken out while I felt only minimal pain. I'm not saying the pain was not there. It was there but it felt like a dull distant ache instead of a sharp piercing pain. If anything, I should have felt more pain because the eyelid had already been cut a few days ago and was still sore and swollen. But because of the power of breathing and relaxation, the painful sensations were greatly diminished. There were a few moments when the pain threatened to overwhelm me but the "flying away" visualization got me back on track to breathe properly again and relax.

I have now earned the honor of being Christine's most behaved patient. My name has been removed from her "hall of shame" of scandalous behavior during a medical procedure.

Next week, I will give you a detailed explanation of the four simple techniques I used: belly breathing, *ujjayi* breathing, progressive relaxation and visualization. I'm sure you will also greatly benefit from them when you find yourself in pain. They are also helpful when you cannot sleep and you are tense from anxiety and worry.

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Questions on stress, skin whiteners and sexy bodies

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MOST of the questions sent to my e-mail address revolve around the letter "S." So, we'll explore some answers you may apply to your daily beauty and wellness regimen.

Skin whitening

How do I whiten the bone beside my ankle?

Please give me homemade remedies for dark spots in the body.

What effective skin whitening product can I use for my face?

There are two ways to bleach your skin and get rid of those unwanted dark and blemished parts—the chemical way or the natural way. Dark areas on the face or body may be caused by hormones (especially due to the pill), overexposure to sun and allergies. A dermatologist can recommend several options. Price ranges from P15,000 and up.

Body scrub with bleach normally requires 10 sessions. Dry, dark skin is polished and treated with a bleaching solution. Call Belo Medical Clinic at 817-7178.

Whitening treatment also involves microdermabrasion without the use of chemicals. Call Facial Care Center at 920-7992 or 920-8064.

But if you want a home remedy, try this (for the body and not for the face):

½ cup soap chips
3 tbsp white henna powder
2 egg whites
½ lemon/*dayap* or 3 calamansi juice

Combine ingredients and whisk until foamy. Apply on dry, unbroken skin. Leave on until the mixture dries up—normally 20 minutes. Rinse and shower. Apply your usual moisturizers. Repeat every two weeks. Those who want a shortcut can add ½ tbsp of peroxide (vol. 20) and three to four drops of ammonia (ingredients available at Hortaleza).

After bleaching, avoid sun exposure (especially from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and use a sunblock SPF15 regularly.

There are also commercially-prepared skin whiteners sold in the supermarkets made by reputable companies like Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, Unilever and Splash.

Whitening the face is a delicate matter. I would suggest you see a dermatologist. Blemishes or pigmentation like dark spots and shallow acne marks can be treated through a new laser (intense pulse light) procedure. This is painless. Three to five sessions are needed. Also, a combination of power peel and facials can help improve the quality of your complexion.

Stress

I am in my early 50s and have insomnia. Lately, I have noticed that my skin is pale and wrinkled, and I have eye bags I can no longer conceal. Do you think that the tranquilizers I take during the day and the sleeping pills at night have something to do with it?

It seems to me that your body has been abused by too many drugs and chemicals. Since the concept of wellness is harmony of body, mind and spirit, then you will have to examine your life and yourself a little more closely, more honestly. Eliminate or resolve the cause of your insomnia by finding the real reason why you turn to drugs for comfort and sleep. Counseling will help you arrive at the truth, and meditation can teach you how to stay calm. Stressed skin is a result of poor diet, lack of exercise and emotional/mental strain. I believe your problem isn't just skin deep.

Last year I had a nervous breakdown. And these past few years, I have become more sickly. I look older than my husband and even older than my actual age. Please help me look younger.

Aging is a result of natural biological processes which can be compounded by stress. In short, if something burdens your heart, mind and soul, it can and will contribute to speeding up the aging process. This, plus an unhealthy lifestyle. Remember, disease is often defined as "dis-ease," the absence of ease. You'll look younger if your outlook in life is positive and joyful. If you are suffering from chronic sadness, then find a way to heal yourself by resolving the cause of your pain. Oftentimes, you will realize that it is your response to stress that causes illness. Go on a retreat or seek counseling. The good news is that you can do something about it if you have the will to see it through. Don't be afraid to change your life. It's never too late to be happy or to look younger. You have to start from the inside—out!

Sexy body

What do you do to maintain a sexy and fit body?

Do all women have baby fat and how do we get rid of it? How do I get slimmer arms?

Nobody is born with a perfect body. While admittedly good genes can give you good looks, it is no guarantee that your body will remain that way. As you get older, you lose more and more muscle tone. This means that in the end, gravity will win. So what's the sure-fire way to a sexy body? Exercise; a low-fat, low-sugar, low-salt diet; daily intake of multivitamins and mineral supplements; 15-20 minutes of meditation; 6-8 hours of sleep; and recreation.

Love and light!

More on my beauty secrets on Unang Hirit's "Beauty In and Out," 8 a.m., on GMA 7 daily.

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Obstetrics and Gynecology is the chosen field of specialization of **Dr. Susana Camille Timbol-Sanchez.** Dr. Sanchez is a 1986 University of Santo Tomas Medicine graduate. She received her residency training for her specialization at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and her subspecialty training in OB-Gyne Ultrasound at UP-Philippine General Hospital. Her free time is spent mostly with her husband Banking Consultant, Ramon Emmanuel Sanchez and their two children, Aurora and Alexander. You may visit Dr. Sanchez for your OB-Gyne needs at the World Citi Medical Center (formerly QCMC), every Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 in the morning to 1 in the afternoon.

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